While discussing classes is one important dimension of your advising process at VDS, we also encourage students to think systematically about their vocational development. Below you will find the first of six sets of questions tailored to the various stages of a student’s degree program that are designed to prompt discussion between advisor & student. While students are not required to turn these sheets in to their faculty advisor, students may find it helpful to complete the prompts before their advising meeting as a way to enrich the advising conversation.

**MDIV orientation questions (for entering students):**

- What motivates your decision to pursue theological education?
- What topics and/or courses are you most passionate about?
- How do you plan to explore your career/vocational ideas while completing your degree program?
- How do you plan to attend to growing your spirituality here (if that is a priority for you)?