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40th Anniversary

Founded 1968 • Faith Seeking Understanding...Understanding Making a Difference

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Methodists, Orthodox,
and many others exploring*



*Episcopalians, Lutherans,
Pentecostals, Presbyterians,
theology and ministry together*

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SUMMER 2008 COURSE BROCHURE

WHAT IS THE ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY?

The Ecumenical Institute of Theology (E.I.) was founded in 1968 as the evening division of St. Mary's Seminary and University to provide accredited graduate theological education in the greater Baltimore area. Students and faculty come from a wide range of religious backgrounds. Many students study part-time for personal enrichment or to prepare themselves for leadership roles in their religious communities. Other students are preparing for ordained ministry or professional positions. The Ecumenical Institute promotes mutual respect and understanding for persons of all faiths. As the E.I. turns 40, we invite you to join us on the journey of faith seeking understanding and understanding making a difference.

WHAT KINDS OF COURSES AND STUDENTS DOES THE E.I. HAVE?

The E.I. offers courses in the major areas of theology: biblical studies, history, systematic theology, moral theology (theological ethics), religious education, practical theology, spirituality, and ecumenical and interfaith studies. Classes are offered in fall, spring, and summer terms. Course brochures with registration forms are mailed out 8-10 weeks before a term begins. Students may audit courses or take courses for credit without being in a degree or certificate program. Our Explorations in Theology program is designed for new students engaging theology and ethics for the first time. Students may choose to work toward a graduate certificate by earning 6-23 credits in a particular area. The certificate is available in six areas: biblical studies, parish nursing, religious education, spirituality, urban ministry, and youth ministry. Students may also pursue the M.A. in Theology or the M.A. in Church Ministries, each with several concentrations or tracks. Both degree programs require the completion of 50 credits, including a core curriculum, plus a culminating experience. We also offer a post-master's Certificate of Advanced Studies (C.A.S.) for those who have a graduate theological degree.

WHO MAY ENROLL?

Application to the E.I. to take classes for credit is open to any person with an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution, regardless of major, who has earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 (graduate GPA of 3.30 for the C.A.S.). (Students with a lower GPA may apply for probationary admission.) Auditors need a bachelor's degree, but no minimum GPA. **All prospective students for the Summer 2008 term must complete the application process by May 15 (see details below).** All students must fill out a registration form for each term in which they take classes.

Application to a degree program requires two letters of recommendation, as well as successful completion of an in-house academic skills assessment, unless the applicant has earned a previous graduate degree in the humanities (or in any field, with thesis), a professional degree in law or medicine, a 600 on the verbal portion of the GRE, or a Ph.D. Potential degree students should complete the application requirements in the first semester of enrollment. Certificate applicants need a bachelor's degree and one professional letter of recommendation. C.A.S. applicants need a theological master's degree and one letter of recommendation.

INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

All prospective students for the Summer 2008 term must complete an application, submit a photograph, have an official transcript of their bachelor's degree sent from their undergraduate institution (master's transcript for C.A.S.), and schedule an interview by May 15. New

audit students are requested, but not required, to have an interview to discuss their academic goals. **All new students must attend new student orientation** on Saturday, June 7, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. New students normally take BS600 and/or TH601, or one of the other Explorations in Theology courses, which do not have prerequisites. (Explorations in Theology is described later in this brochure.)

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT SUMMER TERM

The Summer 2008 term will begin on Monday, June 9 and end on Thursday, July 17. Most summer classes meet two mornings, afternoons, or evenings per week, though some meet once weekly. All Summer 2008 courses (except BS600) yield three graduate credits. In addition to the listed courses, independent study courses in various areas may be arranged. (Independent study tuition is \$405.00 per credit.) More complete course descriptions, including requirements and textbooks, will be available via email and at the Ecumenical Institute office during registration. Normally, at least five students must register in order for a course to run. (If a course is canceled, students who have registered for it will be notified by telephone or email.) Students should arrive early on the first day of classes to complete registration if necessary, receive their identification badge, obtain a library card from the circulation desk, and visit the bookstore to purchase textbooks.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Students may register by mail or in person during regular office hours. Continuing students should register early to insure that all elective courses can run and to facilitate book ordering. Students desiring to pay on the deferred payment plan will be mailed a contract. Special in-person registration times are as follows:

Registration for New and Continuing Students

Mon.-Thurs., April 14-17	9:00 am - 12:00 noon 12:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Friday, April 18	9:00 am - 12:00 noon 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Late registrations will be accepted until the first meeting of a class, but there is a late registration fee of \$30.00 beginning Monday, April 21 (except for new students). The staff is available for academic counseling Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., or other times by appointment, in the E.I. office, 223B.

CHANGES IN REGISTRATION

Any changes in registration (e.g., credit to audit, audit to credit, withdrawal) must be made **in writing with a signature** (by mail or fax; no email). Changes are effective when received by the registrar's office. All students who do not officially withdraw **in writing with a signature** (by mail or fax; no email) from a course by the deadline for the term in which they are enrolled will receive a grade based on the work completed and/or not completed for the course.

Please note: many courses have pre - and/or corequisites. Please consult course descriptions.

SUMMER 2008 COURSES

PR = prerequisite; CR = corequisite; PR/CR = either a prerequisite or a corequisite.

No prerequisites for auditors. Corequisites may be taken either at the same time as or before the course listed.

MONDAY/WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon MT600
**FUNDAMENTALS OF THEOLOGICAL
 ETHICS**
Dr. Weiss

An examination of the basic theological and philosophical foundations of Christian morality, exploring various approaches to moral development, moral discernment, and the moral life. PR/CR = TH601. *This course ends on July 2.*

4:00-5:50 p.m. BS563/763
THE BOOK OF JOB
Dr. Vicchio

A careful look at the book of Job and its historical, cultural, literary, and religious contexts, with attention to the history of interpretation. PR = **NONE** FOR BS563; PR = BS600, TH601 FOR BS763.

5:30-7:20 p.m. PT723
**SUBSTANCE ABUSE & THE FAITH
 COMMUNITY**
Dr. Culbertson

A study of alcoholism and other drug dependencies, their general characteristics, and behavioral patterns, with attention to pastoral and clinical perspectives. PR = TH601.

6:00-7:20 p.m. BS600
ORIENTATION TO BIBLICAL STUDIES
Dr. Edwards

An introduction to the goals and methods of academic biblical studies, with attention to the varieties of biblical literature, tools for research, and methods of exegesis. **This is a two-credit course.** PR/CR = **NONE**.

6:00-7:50 p.m. ST722
**THEOLOGIES OF SALVATION &
 ATONEMENT**
Dr. Sutherland

A survey of Christian teaching about salvation and the atonement and their implications for ministry, considering questions of God's justice or punishment, living morally, and victory over sin, death, and evil. PR = TH601, ST601.

7:30-9:20 p.m. PT741
MINISTRY WITH FAMILIES
Dr. Richardson

An examination of theological and sociological perspectives on the contemporary family, as well as strategies for ministry with families as systems in everyday life, transitions, and grief. PR/CR = TH601.

7:30-9:20 p.m. TH601
**INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGICAL
 STUDY, RESEARCH & WRITING**
Mrs. Reisinger

An introduction to the study of theology, including a survey of its major disciplines, review of research-paper techniques, and hands-on-experience with the tools and methods of theological research and writing. PR = **NONE**.

MONDAY ONLY

5:30-9:20 p.m. BS635
THE GOSPELS & JESUS
Dr. Jorgensen

A literary and theological analysis of the four Gospels in the context of their relationship to early Christian communities and the modern quest for the historical Jesus. PR/CR = BS600, TH601.

WEDNESDAY ONLY

5:30-9:20 p.m. PT/ST546/746
**MIRACLES IN THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN
 TRADITION**
Dr. Fosarelli

An exploration of criteria that define various events as miraculous; scientific, philosophical, and theological arguments for and against miracles; and miracles in the Old and New Testaments, as well as miracles in other world religions. PR/CR = **NONE** FOR PT/ST546; PR/CR = TH601 FOR PT/ST746.

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TUESDAY/THURSDAY

9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
FIRST CORINTHIANS
Dr. Gorman

BS760

5:30-7:20 p.m. MT/SP528/728
VIOLENCE, VENGEANCE & VIRTUE
Dr. Fosarelli

An introduction to the apostle Paul and a close reading of 1 Corinthians, examining historical, literary, rhetorical, and theological aspects of the text and its contemporary significance. PR = BS600, TH601. **Fulfills the requirement for a course on Paul. This course ends on July 3.**

An exploration of the human capacity for violence, the role that religious and social traditions play in how persons respond to violence, and virtuous alternatives to vengeful responses to a violent act. PR/CR = NONE FOR MT/SP528; PR/CR = TH601 FOR MT/SP728.

5:30-8:20 p.m. SP516/716
SAINTS & THEIR SPIRITUAL PRACTICES
Dr. Thomas

An examination of spiritual practices advocated by representative saints that are models for devotion and renewal, e.g.: meditation (Benedict), solitude (Anthony), journaling (Julian), discernment (Ignatius), contemplation (Merton), forgiveness (Mandela). PR = NONE FOR SP516; PR = TH601 FOR SP 716. **Fulfills the SP requirement for the M.A. in Theology. This course ends on July 3.**

7:30-9:20 p.m. ES740
ECUMENICAL RELATIONS
Dr. Brannan

An exploration of the history of ecumenism among Christian denominations, ecumenical statements, and the practicalities of ecumenical understanding and cooperation. PR = TH601.

ES740

7:30-9:20 p.m. H/MT703
THE LIFE & WRITINGS OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
Dr. Hunt

An historical, theological, and socio-cultural analysis of the life and writings of Martin Luther King, Jr., with particular focus on the implications of King's work for the contemporary church and society. PR = TH601.

THURSDAY ONLY

5:30-9:20 p.m. SP607
GOD, CREATION & THE SPIRITUAL LIFE
Dr. Fisher & Sr. Dougherty

An exploration of the ways in which we can experience God's presence in daily life and in God's creation by weaving together biblical imagery and scientific understanding of God's activity in the world. PR = NONE.

PLEASE NOTE

Although the non-credit course TH100 Seminar in Academic Writing and Critical Thinking will not be offered this summer, Mrs. Mary Reisinger will be available for one-on-one tutoring. Contact her at 410/864-3606 or MReisinger@stmarys.edu.

STUDY TOUR

July 18-28, 2008 H/MT/SP669
COURAGE & CONVICTION IN CHRISTIAN FRANCE
Dr. Gorman

A study trip to France to visit the cities of Paris, Mont St. Michel, Chartres, Abbaye De Fontenay, Beaune, Cluny, Taizé, Lyon, Le Chambon, Annecy, Geneva, and others. PR/CR = NONE. **Trip price: \$3,999. Special tuition: \$325 credit; \$275 audit; \$225 senior/alum audit.** Fulfills the SP or second H or MT requirement for the M.A. in Theology.

EXPLORATIONS IN THEOLOGY

This program is a series of courses for people considering serious study of theology, religion, and ethics for the first time. The courses have no prerequisites. Beginning students are introduced to major dimensions of the theological tradition in order to help them better understand some of the great religious and ethical issues of our time. "Explorations" courses offered this summer include the following:

- BS600 Orientation to Biblical Studies
- BS563 The Book of Job
- MT/SP528 Violence, Vengeance & Virtue
- PT/ST546 Miracles in the Judeo-Christian Tradition
- SP516 Saints & Their Spiritual Practices
- SP607 God, Creation & the Spiritual Life
- TH601 Introduction to Theological Study, Research & Writing

E. I. REGISTRATION FORM - SUMMER 2008

Are you a new student? Y___ N___ If yes, be sure to have your official undergraduate transcript sent to the Ecumenical Institute.
(New C.A.S. students must have an official theological master's transcript sent to the E.I.)

Registrations are not processed without the appropriate transcript, application, photograph, interview, and payment of fees.

Date: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Name: _____ E-mail address: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County of Residence: _____ or Baltimore City: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Do you have a disability that requires special services? Y ___ N ___ If so, what? _____

Mandatory Information (information used only for Federal and ATS reports):

Date of birth: ___/___/___ (m/d/y) Sex: ___F ___M Denomination: _____

Ethnic origin: ___ American Indian ___ Asian ___ Black ___ Hispanic ___ White

Optional Information:

Church Name _____ Pastor _____ Phone _____

Address _____

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Do you intend to pursue a degree/certificate at the Ecumenical Institute of Theology? Y___N___

If so, which one? ___M.A. in Theology ___M.A. in Church Ministries – track: _____

___Graduate certificate: (circle one) *Biblical Studies Spirituality Religious Education Urban Ministry Parish Nursing Youth Ministry*

___Certificate of Advanced Studies: (circle one) *General track Specialized track: _____*

If not, are you taking classes for Credit ___ or Audit ___? Do you wish to be part of the Explorations in Theology program? ___

To register, list course numbers & titles. For courses listed in two departments (e.g., ES/H611) or with two numbers (e.g., BS565/765), choose only one (e.g., ES611 or BS565). Note: Certificate and degree candidates may not register for courses at the 500 level.

TUITION AND FEES All fees are due at time of registration. (*Fees are non-refundable.*) Note: late fee is waived for new students.

Registration fee \$ 50.00

Student Services fee \$ 70.00

Late registration fee (\$30.00 begins April 21, except for new \$ _____

courses

3-credit course @ \$810/course x ___ = \$ _____

3-credit audit course @ \$540/course x ___ = \$ _____

3-credit senior/alum audit @ \$270/course x ___ = \$ _____

2-credit course @ \$540/course (BS600) \$ _____

2-credit audit @ \$360/course (BS600) \$ _____

2-credit senior/alum audit @ \$180/course (BS600) \$ _____

3-credit study tour @ \$325/course \$ _____

3-credit audit study tour @ \$275/course \$ _____

3-credit senior/alum audit study tour @ \$225/course \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

AMOUNT BEING PAID \$ _____

BALANCE DUE \$ _____

• **Return this form to:** *The Ecumenical Institute of Theology*

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• **Make checks payable to:** *St. Mary's Seminary and University*

___ Visa ___ MasterCard exp. _____

Name on card _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:
Admitted: ___Y ___N Initials: _____
Student ID # _____ Checked: ___ Send DPC _____
Confirmation Sent ___ Parking Tag # _____
Initials: _____ Date Registered: _____

BASIC INFORMATION

WHAT DOES IT COST AND HOW DO I PAY?

The tuition charge is \$810.00 *per three-credit course* (\$270 per credit). The audit tuition is \$540 *per three-credit course* with a discount of 50% for senior citizens (62 or older) and graduates of SMSU. The registration fee is \$50.00 *per term* for all students. There is also a student services fee of \$70.00 *per term*. Payment may be made with MasterCard or Visa. A deferred payment plan of payments spread throughout the term, beginning with registration, may be authorized upon consultation with the administration.

- 1. Continuing students who register by April 18, 2008 may do so by paying in full (check, money order, or credit card); paying on an approved deferred payment (installment) plan; or paying their fees only (\$120.00). A late fee of \$30.00 applies beginning April 21. For those who pay fees only, tuition is due in full by June 9, 2008. Students may not attend class until their tuition is paid or they have signed a deferred payment contract.**
- 2. Continuing students who register after April 18, 2008 must pay a late registration fee of \$30.00 and all tuition and fees in full (check, money order, or credit card) or be approved for a deferred payment (installment) plan.**
- 3. New students should register early to insure their choice of classes, but they do not pay a late fee for late registration.**

A limited number of partial tuition scholarships is available for matriculated degree candidates. The E.I. also has a Partnership Scholarship Fund for students sponsored by their churches. Further information and scholarship applications can be obtained from the E.I. office. **Scholarship applications are due May 9, 2008.** (Matriculated students interested in student loans should contact Joyce Williams, 410/864-4273, in St. Mary's Office of Student Aid; she has day and evening hours by appointment.) Continuing students must meet all previous financial obligations to St. Mary's before registering for the new term. In addition, students must be in good standing with the library before attending the first class of the term.

TUITION REDUCTION AND REFUND

Students who withdraw from a course must fulfill their financial obligations for the course. Tuition charges may be reduced for students who officially withdraw, according to the schedule printed below. (The date used to determine the reduction or refund is the date on which a written withdrawal notice is received by the registrar.)

After 0-1 class meeting	100% reduction
Beginning June 11 and before June 23	50% reduction
After June 23	0% reduction

For MT600, BS760, and SP516/716:	50% by 6/17
	0% after 6/17

FACULTY FOR THE SUMMER TERM

Rev. Emora Brannan, Ph.D.
Grace United Methodist Church, Baltimore

Rev. Thomas Culbertson, D.Min., Ph.D.
The Ecumenical Institute of Theology

Sr. Rose Mary Dougherty, M.A.
The Ecumenical Institute of Theology

Rev. Dennis Edwards, Ph.D.
Peace Fellowship Church, Washington, DC

George W. Fisher, Ph.D.
The Johns Hopkins University (Emeritus)

Patricia Fosarelli, M.D., D.Min.
St. Mary's Seminary & University

Michael J. Gorman, Ph.D.
St. Mary's Seminary & University

Rev. C. Anthony Hunt, D.Min., Ph.D.
Balt.-Wash. Conference, United Methodist Church

Rev. Janyce C. Jorgensen, Ph.D.
Trinity Lutheran Church, York, PA

Mary M. Reisinger, M.A.
St. Mary's Seminary & University

Rev. Edward Richardson, Ed.D.
Springfield Hospital Center

Arthur M. Sutherland, Ph.D.
Loyola College

Rev. Arthur Thomas, Ph.D.
Wesley Theological Seminary

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College of Notre Dame

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