

**THE ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY**  
**Summer 2015**

**ES626 Remembering the Reformation at 500**

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**Prerequisites:** None.

**Course Description:**

This course is designed to be both a refresher for those who may have already studied the Reformation(s) of the 16<sup>th</sup> century and a brief introduction for those who may not yet have done so in order that all may meaningfully participate in the core event, the ecumenical Conference, June 15-17, 2015. This E.I. course is a “wrap around” course, centered on attendance and participation at the **2015 Pro Ecclesia Conference**, jointly sponsored by the Center for Catholic and Evangelical Theology and the School of Theology and Religious Studies of the Catholic University of America, on the CUA campus (7 pm Mon. June 15 to 12:30 pm Wed. June 17). “Remembering the Reformation Together: Commemorate? Celebrate? Apologize? Repent?”

**Course Requirements:**

1. Successful completion will depend upon the student’s full participation in all of its sessions and presence for all aspects of its work. Class presence and participation will be essential.
2. Approximately 800 pages of assigned reading, in the text and other materials distributed by the instructor
3. Intensive introduction and/or refresher on the Reformations of 16<sup>th</sup> Century–  
**Mon. June 1 at St. Mary’s campus, 6:00 -9:00 p.m.**
4. Following the June 1<sup>st</sup> class session, **the student will write an opinion essay of approximately 3-5 pages, based on our initial meeting together, on the following topic:**  
*“What, in your view, is the importance of the Reformation(s) for the ongoing life of the church?” You may incorporate insights gained from reading (thus far) in the text, class lectures, and discussion, as well as your own informed knowledge as we begin this course. This essay is to be delivered to the instructor electronically not later than Sunday, June 14, or delivered in printed copy at the opening of the Conference in DC on Monday, June 15.*
5. Students and instructor will attend the **Conference, June 15-17 at Catholic University, in DC.**  
*Note: EI tuition includes the cost of the conference at the CUA. When you register for the course, the EI will register you as a commuter for the conference. Housing is available on the CUA campus at the registrant’s discretion and expense.*
6. **Following the adjournment of the Conference at CUA, the student will write a reflection essay of at least 5 and not more than 10 pages on the following topic:**  
*How has the experience of the Conference altered or confirmed my view of the importance of the Reformation(s) for the ongoing life of the church? Is there one or more of the presentations which was instrumental in the change or confirmation of your view? How and why? Analyze that particular presentation or presentations. This essay is to be delivered to the instructor at the beginning of the Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> class session.*
7. Debriefing, follow up session **Mon. June 29 at St. Mary’s campus, 6:00-9:00 pm.**

8. **A final paper of 12-15 pages will be due not later than July 16. It may be delivered in hard copy or electronically.**

*The paper will venture to answer the Question of the Conference: “Faced with the anniversary of the Reformation(s) of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, ought we to commemorate? Celebrate? Apologize? Repent? Document from the text, presentations at the Conference, and materials shared or recommended in class.*

**Text:**

Greengrass, Mark, Christendom Destroyed: Europe 1517-1648  
New York, VIKING Published by the Penguin Group (USA), 2014.  
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