

St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute
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Tuesday

6:00-8:30 pm

ST601 Foundations of Systematic Theology

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Course Description:

Foundations of Systematic Theology is a study of theological concepts such as revelation, God, grace, sin, and salvation, with attention to theological method and the history of the Christian theological tradition. It is a survey of some key thinkers, ideas, and debates that have helped to shape fundamental Christian beliefs.

Course Requirements:

- **Reading:** Students should expect to read at most 800 pages of required reading and should come prepared to discuss readings in class.
- **Writing:** Required writing assignments: 3 papers of 5-6 pages in length, each worth 20% of final grade.
- **Other:**
 1. Oral presentation (theological analysis of liturgy, hymns and gospel songs) 10%
 2. Poster presentation (theological critique of popular media) 10%
 3. Final exam 20%

Required Texts:

Thomas Rausch, *Systematic Theology: A Roman Catholic Approach* (Collegeville: The Liturgical Press, 2016). **ISBN-13:** 978-0814683200

Daniel Migliore, *Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology, third ed.* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2014). **ISBN-13:** 978-0802871855