

**St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute
Spring 2017**

Tuesday, 6:00 – 8:30 pm

TH601 Introduction to Theological Study

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Course Description:

An introduction to the study of theology, including what theology is and how theology is done. Students will develop the ability to read, think, and write critically and faithfully, through a focus on what Christians believe in common.

Course Requirements:

A complete set of requirements will be included in the course syllabus.

- **Reading:** Students should expect to read at most 800 pages of required reading and should come prepared to discuss readings in class.
- **Writing:** There are numerous short writing assignments (including narrative, analysis, and argument). Total writing for the semester will be no more than 20 pages.
- **Other:** Class participation is an essential aspect of our shared learning. Students will read, write, analyze, and discuss in class.

Required Texts (total required reading will be no more than 950 pages):

Joel Hopko, Gregory M. Scott, Stephen M. Garrison, [*The Religion and Theology Student Writer's Manual and Reader's Guide*](#) (Rowman & Littlefield, 2017), 978-1538100950
we will not read all of this text

Murray Rae, [*Christian Theology: The Basics*](#) (Routledge) ISBN-13: 978-0415814942
we will read all of this text

Thomas Rausch, S.J., [*I Believe in God: A Reflection on the Apostles' Creed*](#) (Michael Glazier, 2008), 978-0814652602

Elaine A. Robinson, [*Exploring Theology*](#) (Fortress Press, 2014), 978-1451488913
we will read about two thirds of this text

Edgardo Colón-Emeric and Mark Gorman, *The Saving Mystery of Jesus Christ* (forthcoming)
an electronic pdf will be provided to students

Various other required readings will be provided through the online learning course shell or distributed in class.