

ST. MARY'S ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE  
Summer 2018

**Monday and Thursday, 6:00 to 9:00 pm, May 24—June 28 (no class May 28)**

**ST612 Vatican II Theology**

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**Course Description:**

This course examines the historical context and key theologians of the Second Vatican Council and discusses the main theological principles which are expressed in its documents. Particular attention will be given to the constitutions on liturgy, divine revelation, nature and mission of the Church, as well as the documents on the relationship of the church to non-Christian religions, ecumenism, religious freedom, the apostolate of the laity, the missionary activity, and social communications. These documents will be studied in light of their contribution to the ecclesiology following Vatican II and the immediate applications to current pastoral concerns.

**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:** The following are required writing assignments
  - Reflections - 50%  
Five **one-page** reflections on five of the Vatican documents (the four constitutions plus one more document of the student choosing).  
Each reflection is worth 10%. Total pages for the reflections: **5 pages**
  - Paper - 30%  
Write a research paper on one of the documents. This paper should engage the theology expressed in the document with pastoral applications for today.  
Total pages for paper: **12-15 pages**
- **Other:** Other activities
  - Class Presentation - 10%  
The students chose one of the reflections above and present it to the class.
  - Class Participation - 10%  
Students are expected to complete the assigned readings **prior to coming to class.**  
Participation is determined by the student's relevant contributions in class

**Required Texts:**

Faggioli, Massimo. *Vatican II: The Battle for Meaning*, (Paulist Press, 2012).  
ISBN-13: 978-0809147502

Flannery, Austin OP. *Vatican Council II: The Conciliar and Postconciliar Documents*,  
(Liturgical Press, 1996). ISBN13: 978-0814624678

Hahnenberg, Edward P. *A Concise Guide to the Documents of Vatican II*, (St. Anthony  
Messenger Pres, 2007). ISBN-13: 978-0867165524