

**ST. MARY'S ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE**  
**Spring 2019**

**Monday**

**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 these readings in class.
- **Writing:** There are numerous short writing assignments (which involve summarizing, analyzing, comparing, and arguing). Total writing for the semester will be no more than 20 pages. In total, writing assignments will constitute 80% of one's final grade for the course.
- **Other:** Class participation is an essential aspect of our shared learning. Students will read, write, analyze, and discuss in class. Class participation will constitute 20% of one's final grade.

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

- Elaine A. Robinson, *Exploring Theology* (Fortress Press, 2014) ISBN-13: 978-1451488913.
- Murray Rae, *Christian Theology: The Basics* (Routledge, 2015) ISBN-13: 978-0415814942.
- Richard A. Holland Jr. and Benjamin K. Forrest, *Good Arguments: Making Your Case in Writing and Public Speaking* (Baker Academic, 2017) ISBN-13: 978-0801097799.
- Thomas Rausch, S.J., *I Believe in God: A Reflection on the Apostles' Creed* (Michael Glazier, 2008) ISBN-13: 978-0814652602.

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