

**St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute
Spring 2021**

Thursday, 6:00 – 8:30 pm

BS/ES716 Biblical & Ecumenical Perspectives on Mary

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Prerequisites: TH601 and either BS622 or BS635

Course Description:

In recent years, Mary, the mother of Jesus, has evolved from an “ecumenical problem” to a “symbol of unity” within the church catholic. The recapturing of her place in Scripture has been central to ecumenical discussions of Mary. This course traces the biblical, theological, and ecumenical significance of Mary.

Course Requirements

Reading: Students should expect to read at most 700 pages of required reading and should come prepared to discuss readings in class

Writing:

Reflection Paper, 2 pages (non-graded);

Mary in the New Testament Paper, 5-7 pages (20%);

Mary in Religious Traditions Paper, 3-5 pages (15%);

Book Review - 3-5 pages (15%);

Final Paper - 10-12 pages (30%)

Other Requirements:

Class Contribution- 20%

Texts:

Brown, Raymond et. al, eds. *Mary in the New Testament: A Collaborative Assessment by Protestant and Roman Catholic Scholars*. New York: Paulist, 1978. ISBN: 0800613457.

Hearndan, Maura and Kimball, Virginia, eds. *Mary for the Love of God: Essays on Mary and Ecumenism*. Author House, 2011. 978-1-45675-667-3

Pitre, Brant, *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary: Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah*. Image, 2018. 978-0525572732