

**St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute  
Summer 2022**

**Course Number and Title:** H7003/MT703

**Class Meeting Days:** Saturdays (Class meets from 9:00 am-2:30 pm + weekly asynchronous work)

Meetings Dates: 5/21, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, and 6/25

**Course Description:** A historical, theological, and socio-cultural analysis of the life and writings of Martin Luther King, Jr., with particular focus on the implications of King's work on the contemporary church and society.

**Course Requirements:**

- Attendance and participation in class are required. Assigned reading is to be completed before class sessions. (15 percent of grade)
- Students should expect to read *at most* 800 pages of required reading.
- Students should expect to write *at most* 24 double-spaced pages. These will be comprised of the following:
  - Complete two asynchronous online assignments, which will involve providing critical reflections (250 words) on two selected short films. (5 percent of grade)
  - Lead a 10–15-minute class discussion of one of the assigned readings. A written summary (1-2 pages, not to exceed 500 words) is to be provided for class participants on the day of the presentation. (10 percent of grade)
  - A personal reflection paper (6-7 pages, not to exceed 1750 words) on the relevance of Martin Luther King, Jr. to the student. (30 percent of grade)
  - A research paper (14-15 pages, not to exceed 3750 words) on some aspect of the life and ministry of Martin Luther King, Jr. (40 percent of grade)

**Texts:**

**(Required)**

1. *I've Seen the Promised Land: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Quest for the Beloved Community*  
C. Anthony Hunt, ISBN: 978-155-6054778
2. *Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story*  
Martin Luther King, Jr., ISBN: 0-0625-0490-8
3. *There Is a Balm: The Cultural Roots of Martin Luther King, Jr.*  
Lewis V. Baldwin, ISBN: 0-8006-2457-2
4. *Search for Beloved Community: The Thinking of Martin Luther King, Jr.*  
Kenneth Smith and Ira Zepp, Jr., ISBN: 0-8170-1282-6

**(Recommended)**

5. *Where Do We Go from Here – Chaos or Community*  
Martin Luther King, Jr. ISBN: 978-0807000694 (2010)
6. *I May Not Get There With You: The True Martin Luther King, Jr.*  
Michael Eric Dyson ISBN: 0-684-86776-1

**Primary Degree Learning Outcomes**

MAT graduates will be able - wisely, faithfully, and responsibly - to

- analyze Christian texts, convictions, and practices within the major developments and diversities of Christian tradition.
- integrate ecumenical understanding and respect in articulating one's own faith identity and engaging with others.

MACM graduates will be able - wisely, faithfully, and responsibly - to

- integrate Christian tradition in ministerial identity and practice
- employ ecumenical understanding and respect in working collegially with persons of other Christian tradition