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Master of
Theological Studies

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THEO 589: Comparatively Engaging the World Religions

March 21, 28; April 4, 11, 25; May 2

5:30 – 8:30 p.m. (CST)

This is offered as an online class.

Students will join the class via Google Hangouts during the class times listed above from any venue with internet capabilities.

Nostra Aetate calls for the Church to “recognize, preserve and promote the good things, spiritual and moral, as well as the socio-cultural values” of the many faith traditions of the world and, specifically, to do so “through dialogue and collaboration with the followers of other religions.” Moving from this directive, this course holds that studying non-Christian faith traditions can enable deepened understanding of and appreciation for the Christian tradition. Students will gain familiarity with specific aspects of Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam by placing these traditions in conversation with specific aspects of Christianity. Through this scholarly dialogue with diverse traditions, students will develop their own theological commitments. Students will also reflect critically on the methods and resources used in comparative theological engagement.



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Mara Brecht studies theologies of religious pluralism, religious diversity, interreligious dialogue, and global Christianity. She is especially interested in approaches to these areas that are rooted in analytic philosophy, philosophy of religion, and feminist theory.

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