



SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

**Master of Divinity
With a Certificate in Interfaith Dialogue**

Eligibility

This Certificate is open to all Master of Divinity students as part of the degree program. Students must complete all requirements of both the Certificate in Interfaith Dialogue program and the M.Div. degree in order to receive the Certificate in Interfaith Dialogue. Students in the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies and other Non-Degree Students, as well as MACM and MTS students, are not eligible to participate in this certificate program.

Description

The Certificate in Interfaith Dialogue is designed for students who recognize that global peace and reconciliation is possible only when adherents of the world's religions recognize their mutual dependence upon each other, learn to understand each other, and determine to work together to meet global challenges. The Certificate program helps students to frame an adequate theology of religions from within the Christian tradition that can serve as a foundation for dialogue and collaboration with persons of other faiths.

Required Courses

Students will complete 9 hours of Advisor approved courses of advanced electives (beyond the 69 core hours of the M.Div.) from the following courses:

- THPT 600. Cultural Intelligence
- THPT 602. Judaism: History, Thought and Practice
- THPT 603. Islam: History, Thought and Practice
- THPT 604. Whatever Happened to Abram's Children? Judaism, Christianity and Islam Today
- THPT 605. Why Did the Buddha Cross the Road? Asian Worldviews, Religions and Philosophies
- THPT 606. A Brother By Any Other Name? Cultural Lenses and the Faces of Jesus
- THPT 607. Who Moved the Equator? The Global Church in a Multicultural World
- THPT 614. Why Can't We All Just Get Along? Interreligious Dialogue and Christian Faith
- THPT 610. Field Research in Congregations and Communities
- THCH 713. Interweaving Faiths: Christian & Muslim Histories
- THTP 709. Theology and Ethnography
- Other classes as approved by Advisor

Professional Formation

Students will complete one experience in each of the following areas of professional formation:

- Serve in a multi-cultural context through internships and/or other forms of placement, participate in a Mercer on Mission or Mission Immersion experience, or participate in one of the courses above with a service-learning component
- Present a paper at an academic conference, speak in chapel at Mercer, preach and/or teach in a local congregation on a theme related to interfaith dialogue and collaboration, or research, write, and/or publish in the area of interfaith dialogue
- Advocate together with persons of other religious faiths for justice issues in local and national communities or on behalf of persons of other faith traditions