

**“Our Muslim Neighbors:
Improving Student Knowledge of the Diversity of
Islamic Faith and Practice”**

**Reformed Theological Seminary Quality Enhancement Plan
2012-2017**

“Our Muslim Neighbors” is Reformed Theological Seminary’s systematic and collaborative effort to integrate the study of the diversity of Islamic faith and practice in the seminary’s Master of Divinity (MDiv) curriculum.

This plan expects that RTS students will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of Islamic history
2. Improve their knowledge of present-day Islamic faith and practice
3. Formulate apologetic and evangelistic strategies for ministry to Muslims

This plan will be accomplished through several curricular initiatives including the following:

1. At the heart of the program is a new course in the MDiv curriculum, “Christian Encounter with Islam.” This is a two-hour class in the first year of the degree program that introduces students to the history, culture, traditions, beliefs, and practices of Islam.
2. Minimum lecture hours in Islam have been increased in five additional MDiv courses: Apologetics, Church History 1, Evangelism, Missions, and Church History 1.
3. Three artifacts from three different courses have been designed for assessment purposes: a research paper, a book review, and a dialogue between a Christian and a Muslim.

Assessment of the QEP effectiveness will take place on an annual basis through direct and indirect measures, including QEP entrance and exit surveys and juried reviews of the course artifacts.

RTS believes that its QEP will play a vital role in improving the training for ministry at the seminary, enabling its graduates better to understand, love, and witness to their Muslim neighbors.

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