TERM: Spring 2012
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COURSE #: THEO 1001
SECTION: 103 (Restricted section; department consent required.)
COURSE TITLE: Introduction to Theology

DESCRIPTION:

This course examines key texts in Christian tradition, both ancient and modern, in order to gain a foundation in both Christian scripture and tradition. The purpose will be to guide students into a basic knowledge of an essential component of Marquette’s Mission to “seek the truth about God and the world” by gaining knowledge of Catholic beliefs and practices within an ecumenical outlook. We will examine Scripture, tradition and the historical development of Christian theology. Particular attention will be given to Christianity in China.

The method for the course will be lecture, discussion and disputations presented by students.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. (Programmatic Student Learning Outcomes)
   • Describe theologically the basic content of the Catholic faith in relation to other Christian and religious traditions as well as other worldviews.
   • Interpret theological texts and frameworks in their historical contexts.
   • Articulate implications of Christian faith for growth in holiness and promotion of justice in the contemporary world.

2. (Course Specific Outcomes)
   • Acquire an adequate theological vocabulary in preparation for further study.
   • Provide answers to the above four questions that offer the student’s own reasoned analysis and engage competently the various positions examined in class.

Be able to engage in disputations with others concerning theology in a charitable and reasonable manner.