

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Spring 2010**
Instructor: Dr. Anthony Briggman
Course #: THEO 1001
Section: 104, 123
Course Title: **Introduction to Theology**

Description:

THEO 1001 is an introduction to the study of theology, both as an academic and as a personal discipline. We will consider the foundational concepts of Christian theology by reading and discussing passages from both the Old and New Testaments, and passages from important theological writings from Christian history. Discussions of these texts will center on their meaning and significance in their original context, as well as their contemporary importance. A high emphasis will be placed on student participation in these class discussions. Assignments include quizzes on your readings, a short reflection paper, a midterm and a final exam.

Required texts:

- John Laurance, S.J., editor, *Introduction to Theology*. Second Edition. Boston, MA: Pearson, 2008.
- John R.W. Stott. *Basic Christianity*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1981 (rev. ed.).
- St. Athanasius. *On the Incarnation: the treatise De Incarnatione Verbi Dei*. Popular Patristics Series 3. Translated and edited by a religious of C.S.M.V. Introduction by C.S. Lewis. Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1996.
- Bible. Any standard translation except the King James Version is acceptable; please note that this should not be a "free" translation or a paraphrase. Examples of acceptable translations include: RSV, NRSV, NIV, ESV, etc. Bibles with footnotes and an introduction to each Book (i.e., a study Bible) are recommended. (We will discuss Bibles on the first day of class, in case you are unsure about what to buy.)
- Reserve materials; accessible online.