UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Summer 2014 (Sess. 2)
Instructor: Mr. Nathan Willowby
Course #: THEO 1001
Section: 104
Course Title: Introduction to Theology

Description:

Everyone has a "theology" in an informal sense. In this course, you will be introduced to Christian Theology as an academic discipline, but also as a particular way of interpreting the world around you. This introductory course will emphasize the biblical narrative as a primary source for theological reflection (75% of the readings will come from the biblical text). Along the way, together we will address many of the big questions facing all of us: Who is God? Who am I? How should humans understand creation, creatures, and our neighbors? How do I think about big decisions and how does my understanding of myself and God shape my experiences? What is the church? and Why does it matter? As an introduction to theology, we will also cover some of the major doctrinal and historical developments of the early Christian church.

The Core Curriculum Outcomes (CCO) of Theology 1001 are: #1 To describe theologically the basic content of the Catholic faith in relation to other Christian and religious traditions as well as other world views; #2 to interpret theological texts and frameworks in their historical contexts; and, #3 to articulate implications of Christian faith for growth in holiness and promotion of justice in the contemporary world. This section will address these three outcomes through lectures and readings. Students will learn about the historical context of the biblical texts and be encouraged to make connections between Scripture and issues of holiness and justice in the contemporary world.

Chief Grade Requirements: 3 multiple choice/short answer exams and class participation.