

**UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Term: **Spring 2010**  
Instructor: Dragos A. Giulea  
Course #: THEO 1001  
Section: 111  
Course Title: **Introduction to Theology**

Description:

There are two objectives of this course.

The first is to introduce the student to the major sources of Christian theology found in Scripture and Christian tradition. These sources include biblical materials, writings of significant Christian theologians as well as important doctrinal, liturgical, and ecumenical documents.

The second is to introduce the student to the process of doing theology. It involves acquainting him/her with basic theological vocabulary and teaching him/her ways and strategies of theological reflection. With the successful completion of this course, the student will be able to relate teaching of Scripture and Christian tradition to the current social and cultural context, to his/her own personal life, and gain the skills and knowledge for more advanced academic study in theology.

Required texts:

- *Scripture*. Any modern translation of the Bible is acceptable but must include apocrypha. Especially recommended is the New Oxford Annotated edition of the New Revised Standard Version.
- *Introduction to Theology*, John D. Lurance, S.J., editor.
- *The King and the Corpse: Tales of the Soul's Conquest of Evil*, Heinrich Zimmer

Optional texts:

- *The History of Christianity: An Introduction*, Bradley Nystrom and David Nystrom, editors.
- *Backgrounds of Early Christianity*, Everett Ferguson.