UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Spring 2014
Instructor: Mark Chapman
Course #: THEO 1001
Section: 113
Course Title: Introduction to Theology

Description:

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the sources, content, and development of Christian theology and faith. Readings from Scripture and other historical Christian texts, as well as secondary materials, will facilitate the exploration of the biblical narrative and Christian theology, and its relation to the contemporary world. Who is God, according to the Christian faith? What is the nature of our relationship to God and, in view of that, our neighbor? In the modern world is Christianity reasonable? In addressing these topics, the course supports Marquette’s mission to “seek the truth about God and the world” in an ecumenical environment while preparing students for more advanced theological studies. In carrying out these pursuits the orientation of the course will be one primarily of “faith seeking understanding,” which is to say a view of Christian theology from within, rather than simply as a scholarly subject of inquiry. Through the completion of the course both Christian and non-Christian students will gain biblical and theological literacy that will further their understanding of our world and the motivations of many within it, past and present.