

**UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Term: **Fall 2010**  
Instructor: Abraham B. Fisher  
Course #: THEO 1001  
Sections: 115 and 117  
Course Title: **Introduction to Theology**

Description:

This course provides an introduction to Christian Theology as an academic discipline, including the important terms, concepts, history, texts and doctrines that constitute the necessary background to understand and participate in theological dialogue. The course will begin with an overview of the sources and methods of theology (what do theologians study; how do they formulate questions; how do they go about seeking and finding answers?). This will be followed by a presentation of the historical development of Christian thought, with contemporary themes and questions in theology pointed out along the way.

This course will emphasize the development of several academic skills, necessary for theology but applicable across a wide range of disciplines: critical reading and thinking; strong written and oral communication; and a special emphasis on the ability to “think theologically,” that is, to identify theological principles operative in issues of social/cultural importance.