

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Spring 2010**
Instructor: Dragos A. Giulea
Course #: THEO 1001
Section: 115
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.
- Documents of the Christian Church, Henry Bettenson and Chris Maunder, editors.
- The Brothers Karamazov, Fyodor Dostoevsky.

Optional texts:

- Backgrounds of Early Christianity, Everett Ferguson.