

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Spring 2010**
Instructor: Dr. Rodrigo Morales
Course #: THEO 1001
Section: 117
Course Title: Introduction to Theology

Description:

This course is an introduction to the fundamental tenets of Christian theology and the basic shape of the Christian story. The goal of the course is to provide students with a solid foundation in the basics of the Catholic faith that undergirds the university's mission. To that end, the first two weeks of the class will address some of the differences between classical Christianity and certain aspects of modern philosophy and culture. The rest of the class will explore the shape of the Christian story as recounted in Scripture, reflected upon in the Creed, entered into through the liturgy, and embodied in the Christian life. Assignments include four reflection papers, 3 quizzes, a midterm, and a final.

Required texts:

- Robert Barron, *The Strangest Way: Walking the Christian Path*
- David Bentley Hart, *Atheist Delusions: The Christian Revolution and its Fashionable Enemies*
- *New American Bible*
- Ben Quash and Michael Ward, *Heresies and How to Avoid Them*
- John D. Laurance, *Introduction to Theology*

Optional texts:

- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*