

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Spring 2010**
Instructor: J. Schaefer
Course #: THEO 1001
Sections: 118, 120
Course Title: **Introduction to Theology**

Description:

Approached from an ecumenical perspective that all people can experience God and express their experiences both reflectively and practically from the context of their times and understanding of the world, this course is designed to introduce students to the scholarly study of the ways in which experiences of God are expressed in the Catholic, Christian tradition. Selected texts from the Bible to the present are examined to identify key persons, events and concepts, to strive to understand them within the contexts of the times in which they were written, and to recognize their basic differences from other Christian, Judaic and Islamic perspectives. Throughout, the ongoing significance of the Catholic tradition in the world today is addressed.

Required texts:

The Catholic Study Bible or The New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha
MU Theology Department, *Introduction to Theology*, ed. John D. Laurance, S.J. (Pearson 2007)
F. Collins, *The Language of God* (Free 2006)

Optional texts:

D. Lane, *The Experience of God* (Paulist 2005)
J. J. Mueller, ed., *Theological Foundations* (St. Mary's 2007)