

## Department of Theology

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### UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Spring 2010**  
Instructor: John D. Laurance, S.J.  
Course #: THEO 1001  
Sections: 127 and 128  
Course Title: **Introduction to Theology**

#### Description:

The three-fold goal of THEO 1001, Sections 127 and 128, is to: (1) “identify the basic content of the Catholic tradition and its relation to other Christian traditions, as evident in biblical, doctrinal, liturgical, ethical, and ecumenical manifestations;” (2) “employ essential theological vocabulary correctly;” and (3) “appreciate the formative influence of Christianity and other religions in world history and culture, and in one’s personal life.”

To accomplish this goal, this section of THEO 1001 will endeavor to (1) introduce students to the major sources of theology: (a) Sacred Scripture and (b) Tradition, which latter includes sample creeds, faith documents from councils of the Church, liturgical texts, exemplary Christian lives (saints), and the writings of major theologians; and (2) to practice students in the art of theologizing on those sources in light of the faith of the Catholic Church, the faith of other Christian churches or communities where it differs from Catholic faith, human wisdom through the centuries (e.g., literary classics), and contemporary culture.

A special feature of these sections of THEO 1001 will be to study the relationship of the Bible and Tradition to the Church’s liturgy and the liturgy’s relationship to Christian living in the world. The centrality of Jesus Christ and the Church to human history and the necessity of faith for salvation will also play key roles.

#### Required texts:

1. John D. Laurance, S.J., Editor, INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY (Revised Second Edition) NY: Pearson Custom Publishing
2. THE NEW AMERICAN BIBLE -- Catholic Edition with Revised New Testament and Psalms (Liturgical Press), or some other accurate English translation of the bible.
3. John F. O’Grady, CATHOLIC BELIEFS AND TRADITIONS -- ANCIENT AND EVER NEW Paulist Press

Optional texts: (none)