UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Fall 2013
Instructor: Alexander Huggard
Course #: THEO 1001
Section: 128
Course Title: Introduction to Theology

Description:

As an introduction to Christian theology, this course will focus on both the story of Christianity and the essential tenets of Christian thought. In so doing, it supports Marquette’s mission to “seek the truth about God and the world” in an ecumenical environment while preparing students for more advanced theological studies. The overall posture of the course will be one of fides quaeens intellectum, “faith seeking understanding.” The major movements of the course will be the shape and message of the Christian Bible, the key theological events and figures in the history of the Church, and current issues regarding Christian thought and culture.

As the Christian Bible is the fundamental and essential text for Christianity, the first third of the course will be committed to its study. The two questions that will govern the examination of the various books of the Christian Bible are: (1) What is the historical occasion of a particular writing? and (2) What is its message for the Christian faith? The second third of the course will study the major moments and figures in the development of doctrine in church history. The last third of the course will explore and discuss Christianity in the modern and postmodern world. The two questions that governed our study of the Christian Bible will also inform our study in the final two-thirds of the course.