UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Fall 2011
Instructor: John Volk
Course #: THEO 1001
Section: 129
Course Title: Introduction to Theology

Description:

The course aims to introduce the student to the key sources and questions of theology as reflected in the worldview and core narratives found in the Christian tradition and its scriptures. We will begin with writings from the Old and New Testaments and continue onward through Christianity’s development from ancient times to the modern period as reflected in the writings of significant Christian thinkers and Church documents. Whatever the source, we will read with the following question in mind: what does this mean for us today? Students will be introduced to key themes in Christian theology, methods, and the vocabulary used by Christian theologians. A special focus of the course will be to aid the student in learning (1) what theology is, (2) how to think theologically, (3) how theology serves the Church and wider culture, (4) how theology sheds light on what it means to be a human person, and (5) what difference theology makes for contemporary life and issues, both personally and socially.