UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Fall 2011  
Instructor: Anthony Bonta  
Course #: THEO 1001  
Section: 133  
Course Title: Introduction to Theology

Description:

This course will introduce students to key features and themes of Catholic theology, the mission of Ignatian education and formation, and an understanding of the Judeo-Christian God, especially the person of Jesus Christ. The course aims to give students a foundation in five areas: 1) a survey of the Sacred Scriptures, including the historical-critical method; 2) a fundamental understanding of the history and historical development of Christianity; 3) a basic understanding of key systematic vocabulary and concepts; 4) an application of ethical/social justice principles to their lives; and 5) the practice of reflecting on their lives and beliefs with the aid of the Christian “lens.” Students will be expected to examine and express their personal beliefs, critically engage class material, and offer class discussion and reflection. The goal of the course is to aid and empower students in applying these skills in their personal lives, their professional fields, and to contemporary issues. Students will work on individual and group projects to learn and integrate the material. Background in theology is not presupposed. This course serves as a prerequisite to all other courses in theology.