UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Fall 2011
Instructor: Dr. Wanda Zemler-Cizewski
Course #: THEO 2210
Sections: 101 (Majors) and 901 (Honors)
Course Title: Theology Through the Centuries

Description:

THEO 2210, as the title suggests, is designed to introduce the student to the history of theology, including its sources and development through the early Christian, patristic, medieval, reformation, and modern periods. Broadly speaking, course goals include: i) an increase in theological understanding, ii) a focus on the reading and interpretation of theological texts, iii) development of increased skill in reading these texts. Readings for this course are of two kinds: i) descriptions of the origin and formal articulation of key doctrines in Christianity, the history of their interpretation, and aspects of their modern interpretation and impact; as well as ii) selections from key theological texts and documents composed by patristic, medieval, reformation and modern theologians. Student understanding of readings will be assessed by means of two examinations and two essay assignments.

OBJECTIVES:

As a second-level theology course within the core curriculum, Theo 2210 aims to help the student meet certain basic objectives. These are as follows:

1. Describe theologically the basic content of the Catholic faith in relation to other Christian and religious traditions as well as other world views.
2. Interpret theological texts and frameworks in historical context.
3. Articulate implications of Christian faith for growth in holiness and promotion of justice in the contemporary world.

Student achievement of these objectives will be assessed in the context of the examination and essay assignments outlined above.