UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Fall 2010
Instructor: D. Stephen Long
Course #: THEO 2310
Sections: 101 (Majors) and 901 (Honors)
Course Title: Explorations in Christian Theology
Course Sub-Title: God: pre-modern, modern and post-modern

Description:

This course will examine who God is and how God functioned in three different “epochs:” the time prior to modernity, modernity and post-modernity. What each of these terms means will be explained. Then theologians and philosophers from each period will be read in an attempt to discover how the understanding of God shifted and/or remained continuous through significant transitions in western culture. Students will gain knowledge of some basic doctrines of theology, especially the doctrine of God and its relation to culture, politics and social formations. They should be able to address these specific questions:

1. How did an understanding of God affect conceptions of space and time?
2. What claims to truth and/or metaphysics were assumed or denied so that speaking of God was either meaningful or not?
3. How did each epoch relate faith and reason?
4. How was God related (or rendered irrelevant) to politics, culture, art?