UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Fall 2013
Instructor: J. Schaefer
Course #: THEO 2310
Section: 106
Course Title: Explorations in Christian Theology
Course Sub-Title: The Human Person

Description:

This Manresa course focusing on the human person intersects with Marquette’s mission as a Catholic, Jesuit university that is dedicated to serving God by contributing to the advancement of knowledge, striving for excellence of the whole person, developing faith in God, and establishing leadership in one’s vocation in life for the glory of God. Beginning with an historical overview of theological discourse on the human person, students will examine biblical, patristic, medieval, reformation, and early modern texts, including autobiographies and biographies of individual who have written about and demonstrated their quests for understanding the God-human relationship. Attention will be given to the contexts of the times in which these authors lived and the worldviews from which they reflected on the human role within God’s creation. Living and recently deceased exemplary persons who have dedicated their knowledge and skills to serving God by serving others will be explored by teams of students who will present their findings in class. Basic facts and theories of physics, biology, neurophysiology, and psychology will be used to model the human person today from a theological perspective. Students will particularize this model for themselves as unique persons committed to orienting their lives to God.