UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Spring 2011
Instructor: Susan M. Mountin, Ph.D.
Course #: THEO 2400
Section: 102 and 103
Course Title: Christian Discipleship

Description:
These sections restricted to students who are in the Dorothy Day Social Justice Living Learning Community.

Course overview
What does it mean to be a Christian disciple? What does it mean to follow Christ? Who is(was) Jesus in time and history? How can a contemporary believer follow the life of Jesus? Who are a few of the disciples whose lives and commitments stand up over time to the measure of what it means to be called to Christian disciple?

This course will help you explore these questions in the light of the Gospel and in the lives of key individuals who have shown courage and deep faith as they took on the mantle of discipleship by addressing social injustice just as Christ did 2000 years ago. Students will also be grounded in Catholic Social Teaching which provides a framework for discipleship today.

Students will also continue their service learning experience from their first semester placement. It is the learning and reflection on the experience that is significant. Students are expected to follow their commitments to their service sites throughout the semester. Failure to do so will affect the total service learning points significantly.

Expect a very active learning environment in which the students will take responsibility for their own learning in a variety of learning modalities.

Learning objectives
At the end of this class students will:
- Claim a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ based on the Gospels
- Grasp the important role that Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin had in addressing social justice concerns
- Understand how Catholic Social Teaching embodies the Gospel and grounds Christian discipleship
- Identify how other models of discipleship provide a template for the Christian discipleship today
- Understand how theological reflection on one’s experience becomes the foundation for choices of discipleship
- Integrate their service experience with the call to discipleship