UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Fall 2013
Instructor: Dr. Michael Duffey
Course #: THEO 2500
Sections: 101 & 102
Course Title: Theology, Violence and Nonviolence

Description:

Students will be able to

1. Interpret the Hebrew Scriptures and New Testament teachings on violence and nonviolence.
2. Analyze and critique the four traditions regarding violence that have emerged over the course of Christian history: just war, crusade, pacifism, and nonviolent resistance.
3. Explain how key theologians throughout both the Christian tradition and other religious traditions have understood violence and nonviolence in regard to salvation, the religious community, and the political community.
4. Describe how Mohandas Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., Thich Nhat Hahn, and others have understood and practiced nonviolence.

Requirements

1. Three exams (100 points each)
2. Three quizzes (35 points each)
3. Paper and Movie or Service learning (100 points)