UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Summer 2014 (Sess. 1)
Instructor: Dr. Michael Duffey
Course #: THEO 2500
Section: 101
Course Title: Theology, Violence and Nonviolence

Description:

This course examines violence and nonviolence, primarily from a Christian point of view with many examples of nonviolent initiatives for justice and peace.

Course Learning Objectives
Students will be able to formulate answers to the following questions:

1. What are the Christian teachings on justifiable and unjustifiable violence deriving from the Hebrew Scriptures, the New Testaments, the Christian tradition, and other religious traditions?
   [University Core of Common Studies “THEOLOGY” knowledge Area #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. What are the just war, pacifist, and nonviolent resistance positions found in key theological and church documents? UCCS: “THEOLOGY” Knowledge Area #2. “Interpret theological texts and frameworks in their historical contexts.”

What are the 20th century developments regarding violence and nonviolence? What are the Gandhian contributions, the insights and practices of Martin Luther King, Jr., and those of other practitioners? UCCS: “THEOLOGY” Knowledge Area #3. “Articulate implications of Christian faith for growth in holiness and promotion of justice in the contemporary world.”

Course requirement

1. Three exams (each worth 100 points)