

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Fall 2010**
Instructor: Dr. Michael Duffey
Course #: THEO 4420/5420
Section: 101
Course Title: **Theology, Violence and Nonviolence**

Description:

The course begins with an exploration of the contributions of Gandhi and King to the theory and practice of nonviolence. The course will also examine the inspiration for nonviolence from Christianity and other world religions. The spectrum of violence and nonviolence ranges from the most intimate relationships to responses to global threats. We will consider the critiques of the violence of war, military force, and torture. We will also address the necessary skills of nonviolent conflict resolution. Through this course students should

1. understand and evaluate the logic and effectiveness of nonviolence;
2. become familiar with the 20th century history of nonviolent conflict resolution;
3. recognize the relationship between nonviolence and other Christian beliefs;
4. recognize the elements of nonviolent personal practices.