GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Fall 2013
Instructor: Patrick Carey
Course #: THEO 6210
Course Title: Origen to Late Medieval Theology
Course Subtitle: History of Theology, Part 1

Content:

The objective of the course is to give a basic introduction to the development of Christian theology from the Apostolic Fathers to 1350. The course will introduce students to basic methodologies and sources as well as trace the major doctrinal developments and the major shifts in theological emphases in the East and in the West. Students, too, will be introduced to the theological systems of major theologians (Origen, Augustine, Dionysius, Anselm, Bonaventure, Gregory of Palamas, Bonaventure, Aquinas, Scotus, etc.). The course will concentrate in particular on how theologians use scripture and upon the various senses of Scripture. The course will also pay close attention to the social, historical, and philosophical contexts in which theological developments take place in the course of history.

Format:

Introductory lectures delineating the general developments in each period of Christian thought; discussion of selected and representative theological texts.

Assignments and/or Examinations:

- Three 10 page papers on three separate theological texts; two examinations over readings and lectures.

Language Pre-requisites:

- Latin, Greek, French and German would be helpful, but only English is absolutely required.