

GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Spring 2010**
Instructor: Patrick Carey
Course #: THEO 6220
Course Title: **Late Medieval to Early Modern**

Content:

The objective of the course is to give a basic introduction to the development of Christian theology from the late medieval period (1350) to the end of the Enlightenment (1800). 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 (Jean Gerson, William of Occam, Gabriel Biel, Erasmus, Luther, Calvin, Bellarmine, Bossuet, Pascal, Spener, Edwards, Lessing, Kant, etc.) and to some major confessional statements of the period. 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:

For MA students: three 10 page papers on three separate theological texts; two examinations over readings and lectures; and a final summary paper of from 5 to 10 pages; for MACD students: two examinations; twenty one-page papers describing the arguments of major theologians read during the semester; and a final summary paper of from 5 to 10 pages. .

Language Pre-requisites:

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

Required Texts:

Gonzalez, J. L., *A History of Christian Thought*, vols. 2 & 3.
J. McMannus, ed., *Oxford History of Christianity*
Marquette History of Theology, vol. II (available on D2L).

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Optional texts:

J. E. Bradley and R. A. Muller, Church History: An Introduction to Research, Reference Works, and Methods (1995)

P. Carey and J. Lienhard, ed., Biographical Dictionary of Christian Theologians (Hendrickson, 2002) pb

Cunliffe-Jones, H., A History of Christian Doctrine (T & T Clark 2003)

J. Pelikan, The Christian Tradition: A History of the Development of Doctrine, 5 vols.