GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Spring 2011
Instructor: David G. Schultenover, S.J.
Course #: THEO 6220
Course Title: Late Medieval to Early Modern

Content:

This course will investigate the development of Christian theology from the late medieval period (ca. 1350) to the end of the Enlightenment (ca. 1800). Principal doctrinal developments and shifts in theological emphases in both East and West will be covered, along with basic philosophical-theological methodologies and sources. Students will be introduced to the theological systems of major figures such as Jean Gerson, Gabriel Biel, Erasmus, Cabasilas, St. Seraphim, Luther, Calvin, Bellarmine, Ames, Turretin, Pascal, Spener, Edwards, Lessing, and Kant. The course will attend to the social, historical, and philosophical contexts that influenced the theological developments. It will concentrate in particular on how theologians used Scripture and on the various operative senses of Scripture.

Format:

An introductory lecture will set the context and sketch the principal lines of theological development for each of several discernible periods within the time frame of the course. The other classes will consist of discussion of representative primary texts.

Assignments and/or Examinations:

- Three 8-page papers on three separate theological texts taken from three different periods.
- Two examinations on the readings and lectures.
- A one-page précis (single-spaced) with a couple discussion questions for each class period.

Language Pre-requisites:

- While only English is required, all modern European languages, particularly French and German, plus Latin and Greek would be useful.