GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Fall 2011
Instructor: Dr. Wanda Zemler-Cizewski
Course #: THEO 8425
Course Title: The Theology of Bonaventure

Content:

The course is designed to introduce students at the graduate level to the theology of Bonaventure, who is generally considered to be the foremost Franciscan-Augustinian theologian of the thirteenth century. After a series of introductory lectures designed to situate Bonaventure in his historical context, students will read selections from his work, in English translation. It should be noted, however, that all students at the graduate level are expected to handle bibliography in French and German, as well as English, and that students in the historical area who intend to specialize in patristic or medieval theology are expected to have recourse to Bonaventure’s works in the critical editions in Latin.

Assignments and/or Examinations:

Students can expect these or similar assignments
1. One 12 page paper on a selected primary text. 50%
2. Class participation, including informal presentation on a reading - 20%.
3. Annotated bibliography - 30%

Language Pre-requisites:

As above in the course description.

Notes:

The learning outcomes for this course are those of a Ph. D. seminar, stated by the Theology Department as follows:

1. Make scholarly contributions within a specialized field of theology.
2. Demonstrate ability to teach theology or religious studies at a post-secondary level.
3. Comprehend theological resources in historically significant languages (e.g., Latin, Greek, Hebrew) and in internationally used languages (e.g., German, French, and Spanish).