

Department of Theology

GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Spring 2010**
Instructor: Mattox
Course #: THEO 8450
Course Title: **Special Questions in the History of Christian Thought**
Course Subtitle: **History & Theology of Lutheran-Catholic Ecumenism**

Content:

The course will offer an introduction to the history and theology of Lutheran-Catholic ecumenism, beginning in the period of the Reformation and culminating in the modern ecumenical dialogues. The course will focus on the reading of primary sources in English translation.

Format:

Classroom discussion based on weekly assigned readings.

Assignments and/or Examinations:

- For PhD students, two in-class book reviews and a 25-30 page term paper.
- For Master's level students, one in-class book review and a 15-20 page term paper.

Language Pre-requisites:

- PhD students should be prepared to put their language skills to work, even if only on shorter and/or simpler texts.

Required Texts:

- Lohse, Martin Luther's Theology
- Schroeder, trans., Canons and Decrees of the Council of Trent
- Kolb & Wengert, The Book of Concord
- Other readings as assigned