GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Fall 2013
Instructor: Dr. Mickey L. Mattox
Course #: THEO 8450-101
Course Title: Questions in Christian Thought
Course Subtitle: Martin Luther and Late Medieval Scholasticism

Content:
This course will set Martin Luther’s theology into the context of later medieval theology. We will examine Luther’s place in later medieval nominalism, his reception of Aristotle, his understanding of logic and reason, etc. To appreciate Luther’s critical perspective on some aspects of later medieval theology, we will also examine aspects of his reception of such crucial humanist figures as Erasmus and Lorenzo Valla, as well as his appreciation for such classical thinkers as Cicero and Aesop.

Format:
Directed readings, lectures and class discussion.

Assignments and/or Examinations:
- Reading-based papers and a conference length final paper.

Language Pre-requisites:
- MA students: Some German and Latin helpful, but not required. PhD students must read and report on at least one foreign language secondary source.