Department of Theology

GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Fall 2010
Instructor: David G. Schultenover, S.J.
Course #: THEO 8450, Sec. 101
Course Title: Special Questions in the History of Christian Thought
Course Subtitle: Schleiermacher

Content:

Friedrich D. E. Schleiermacher (1768–1834) is a towering figure of Christian theology. Students of theology today will find their study far richer and more deeply rooted if they have wrestled with Schleiermacher’s thought. This seminar is designed as a close reading of the most important of Schleiermacher’s theological works within the context of Enlightenment and post-Enlightenment European philosophical-theological thought. The course is appropriate for students in systematic as well as in historical theology.

Format:

Seminar format: Each member of the seminar will take leadership in introducing the assigned reading for a session. A handout containing a summary of the reading and questions for discussion should be distributed.

Assignments and/or Examinations:

- For each session, all members of the seminar will read the assigned materials carefully and be prepared to engage in a thorough and informed discussion of the texts. A précis of the reading will be required.
- A research paper on some aspect of Schleiermacher’s theology. By October 12, a bibliography and preliminary report on the paper will be due. During the latter weeks of the course, each member of the seminar will present his or her paper before the class. Final version of the paper will be due Friday, December 8.

Language Pre-requisites:

- German is helpful, but not a prerequisite.

Required Texts:

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Optional texts: Of the following works those marked with an asterisk are especially recommended.


*Tice, Terrence N.* *Schleiermacher*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2006. ISBN 2005019942


