Department of Theology

GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Spring 2014  
Instructor: Fr. John Thiede, S.J.  
Course #: THEO 8550  
Course Title: Questions in Systematic Theology  
Topic: Latin America Theology

Content:

This course will survey some of the major Latin American Theologians of the 20th century and today. We will read some of the authors in their area of expertise, such as Gustavo Gutierrez, Jon Sobrino, Jose Comblin and Juan Luis Segundo. Key documents from CELAM will also be read, notably Medellin, Puebla and Aparecida. The course will also survey some of the major dogmatic areas in theology such as Christology, Ecclesiology, Mariology, and Trinitarian Theology, especially as they relate to the cultural context. The student will leave the course with a greater understanding of current trends in Latin American theology, and a better understanding of the cultural context in which Latin American theology is rooted.

Format:

The course will be seminar style, with weekly meetings

Assignments and/or Examinations:

- One or Two short presentations, 500 word essays, and a Final Presentation of the Final Paper. Weekly reading assignments.

Language Pre-requisites:

- Spanish or Portuguese preferred but not required.