

## Department of Theology

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### UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Fall 2009  
Instructor: Abraham B. Fisher  
Course #: THEO 1001  
Section: 103  
Course Title: **Introduction to Theology**

#### Description:

This course provides an introduction to Theology as an academic discipline, including the important terms, concepts, history, texts and doctrines that constitute the necessary background to understand and participate in theological dialogue. This course begins with an examination of the sources of theology, that is, divine revelation, followed by a presentation of the historical development of Christian thought, and a final section on contemporary themes and questions in theology. Special emphasis will be placed on 1) developing the skill to “think theologically”, that is, to apply theological principles to issues of cultural importance; and 2) developing skills of critical reading and thought.

#### Required texts:

- John Laurance, S.J., editor, *Introduction to Theology*. Second Edition. Boston, MA: Pearson, 2008.
- Alister E. McGrath, *Christian Theology: An Introduction*. Fourth Edition. Oxford: Blackwell, 2007.
- A Study Bible, including Apocrypha, preferably New American Bible (NAB) or New Revised Standard Version (NRSV). Especially recommended is the New Oxford Annotated edition of the New Revised Standard Version.