

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Fall 2009**  
Instructor: Anthony Briggman  
Course #: THEO 1001  
Sections: 105, 110  
Course Title: **Introduction to Theology**

#### Description:

THEO 1 is an introduction to the study of theology, both as an academic and as a personal discipline. We will consider the foundational concepts of Christian theology by reading and discussing passages from both the Old and New Testaments, and passages of important theological writings from Christian history. Discussions of these texts will center on their meaning and significance in their original context, as well as their contemporary importance. A high emphasis will be placed on student participation in these class discussions. Assignments include 6 quizzes, a midterm and a final exam.

#### Required texts:

- John Laurance, S.J., editor, *Introduction to Theology*. Second Edition. Boston, MA: Pearson, 2008.
- Bible. Any standard translation except the King James Version is acceptable; please note that this should not be a “free” translation or a paraphrase. Examples of acceptable translations include: RSV, NRSV, NIV, ESV, etc. Bibles with footnotes and an introduction to each Book (i.e., a study Bible) are recommended. (We will discuss Bibles on the first day of class, in case you are unsure about what to buy.)
- Reserve materials; accessible online.