

Department of Theology

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Fall 2009**
Instructor: Dr. Danielle Nussberger
Course #: THEO 1001
Sections: 119, 125
Course Title: **Introduction to Theology**

Description:

In this introductory course to the field of theology, we will be studying some of the foundational texts for Christianity (including biblical texts) as well as texts that deal with the living of the Christian life and the essence of Christian discipleship (including Martin Luther King's *Letter*). Our goals will be to understand the nature of theology as a discipline as this is expressed in the historical development of Christian thought and to have a solid grasp of the content of Christian faith. Special attention will be given to how to read a text thoroughly and carefully, giving due weight to its historical context and its place within the Christian tradition. Students will be required to have thought deeply about the assigned reading for each class period so as to participate fully in class discussions.

Required texts:

- John Laurance, S.J., editor, *Introduction to Theology Reader*