

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Fall 2009**
Instructor: Brad Anderson
Course #: THEO 1001
Sections: 107 and 108
Course Title: **Introduction to Theology**

Description:

This course aims to introduce the student to core content of the Christian theological tradition as well as to its disciplined and reflective study. Students will explore not only the ideas that constitute Christian teaching, but also the practices that constitute the embodiment of that teaching in tangible ways, including within political, economic, and even technological contexts. The Bible and other key texts will be central to this endeavor, as will cultivating habits of close and critical reading, systematic thought, and coherent writing.

Required texts:

- John Laurance, S.J., editor, *Introduction to Theology*
- A modern translation of the Bible. Examples include NRSV, RSV, NIV, NASB, ESV, NAB. Annotated versions – study Bibles or other versions including introductory sections and/or notes – are recommended. Paraphrases (e.g., Eugene Peterson’s “The Message”) are not allowed.
- Douglas Jacobsen and Rodney J. Sawatsky, *Gracious Christianity: Living the Love We Profess*
- D. Brent Laytham, ed., *God Is Not: Religious, Nice, “One of Us,” An American, A Capitalist.*