

Department of Theology

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Fall 2009**
Instructor: Christopher Dorn
Course #: THEO 1001
Section: 116
Course Title: Introduction to Theology

Description:

The primary aim of this first course in theology is to introduce students to the basic content of the Catholic Christian tradition. It accomplishes this aim by investigating the sources of this tradition as found in Scripture and in the Creed, documents from Church councils, liturgical texts, the lives of exemplary Christians, as well as excerpts from the writings of major theologians.

The secondary aim of this course is to make students aware of the identifying marks of the major world religions other than Christianity. It accomplishes this aim through a brief survey of Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism. This survey will necessarily be informed by the perspective from which Christianity views these religions.

This course assumes no prior knowledge of any of these religions, including Christianity.

Required texts:

- *The New American Bible* (or any standard authorized English version)
- *Introduction to Theology*, John D. Lurance, S.J., editor
- *The Ongoing Renewal of Catholicism*, Brennan R. Hill
- *Introducing World Religions*, Victoria Kennick Urubshurow