

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Fall 2009**

Instructor: Dr. Judette Kolasny

Course #: THEO 1001

Section: 120

Course Title: **Introduction to Theology**

Description:

Theology is "faith seeking understanding". Since this is an introduction course in theology, its focus will be to orient the student to the basic theological themes of the Christian tradition. It does so by focusing on a core of primary sources. The course begins with an examination of selected texts from both the Old and New Testaments and then moves to a sampling of texts from the 20 centuries of the Christian faith. The historical background and literary structure of the writings will be examined in order to discover the faith articulated in those writings. Upon completion of this course, the student will be acquainted with the core of the Christian faith and with some of the major stepping stones in its development. He/she will understand the scholarly method of interpreting texts in their context and will be prepared to take upper division courses. Grading will be based on 2 major tests, a final, 2 short reflection papers and attendance/participation/homework. Attendance is REQUIRED and more than 5 unexcused absences is considered excessive and will result in an absence report to the College of Arts and Sciences.

Required texts:

- 1 Catholic Study Bible, New American Bible
- 2 Laurence, John, S.J., Introduction to Theology, 2nd edition