

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Fall 2009**
Instructor: John A. Jones, IV
Course #: THEO 1001
Section: 123
Course Title: Introduction to Theology

Description:

This course provides a basic introduction to the key texts and doctrines that provide the foundation of the Christian tradition. The course aims to expose students to some of the major theological and religious traditions arising from within and from outside that tradition.

The course has a very Trinitarian structure: it will be divided into three sections – Hebrew Bible, New Testament, and Christian Doctrine/History; evaluation will take three forms – objective quizzes, papers, and class participation.

The course note pack (available at BookMarq) will provide the majority of content and all of the form for the course. The course will require that the students digest a vast amount of material. Interaction on-line will be possible and encouraged through the use of BlackBoard. The aims of this introductory course will be: first, to cover a tremendous amount of important material; second, to learn to think theologically about that material.

Required texts:

- Introduction to Theology, 2nd ed. John D. Laurance, S.J., ed.
- Theology: A Very Brief Introduction, John Ford.
- A Study Bible, including Apocrypha, preferably New American or New Revised Standard Versions
- Course Pack notes (please be sure that you have the right course/section/instructor)