

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Fall 2009**
Instructor: Dr. Deirdre Dempsey
Course #: THEO 1001
Section #: 901 (Honors)
Course Title: **Introduction to Theology**

Description:

This Introduction to Theology is intended to provide you with an appreciation of texts that are (1) foundational to Christianity (for example, texts from the Bible) or (2) illustrative of Christians witnessing to their faith (for example, Martin Luther King's *Letter*). Historical backgrounds for the texts we read will be provided; real emphasis will be placed on practicing careful and critical close reading of a text. The intention is to give the student a good grounding in the content of Christian belief as well as the ability to read a text carefully, in its historical context. Discussion and class participation will be important in this class; we'll have several quizzes, a midterm, a final, and at least one writing assignment.

Required texts:

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

Optional texts:

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