

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Fall 2009**
Instructor: Dr. Andrei Orlov
Course #: THEO 1001
Section: 902 (Honors)
Course Title: **Introduction to Theology**

Description:

This course has two main goals.

The first is to introduce students to the major sources of Christian theology as found in the Scripture and Christian tradition. These include biblical materials, writings of significant Christian theologians, in addition to important doctrinal, liturgical, and ecumenical documents.

The second is to introduce students to the process of doing theology. This involves acquainting them with basic theological vocabulary and teaching them ways and strategies of theological reflection which will enable them to relate teaching of the Scripture and the Christian tradition to the current social and cultural context as well as to their own personal lives. With the successful completion of this course, students will have gained the skills and knowledge for more advanced academic study in theology.

Required texts:

- Scripture. Any modern translation of the Bible is acceptable (must include apocrypha). Especially recommended is the New Oxford Annotated edition of the New Revised Standard Version.
- Introduction to Theology, John D. Lurance, S.J., editor.
- A History of the Christian Tradition: From its Jewish Roots to the Reformation, Thomas D. McGonigle and James F. Quigley.
- The Return of the Prodigal Son, Henry J.M. Nouwen