

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Fall 2009**
Instructor: Dr. Terrence Crowe
Course #: THEO 2200
Sections: 101; 102
Course Title: **The Bible Through the Ages**

Description:

The Bible did not fall out of the sky like a rock. This book—really a portable library—has had its history, times and seasons. The primary purpose of this course is to heighten awareness of the sometimes complex life and times of the Bible. We will not be doing extensive reading in the Bible but will be focusing attention on its interpretations and of how texts have been used and abused. This will open us up to a horizon of myriad interpretations, both professional and popular. We will think about how certain readings of the Bible have effected, even changed, the course of history. A particular later focus will be on the various “battles for the Bible” that have occurred and are occurring in the American cultural context.

Required texts:

- Karen Armstrong, The Bible: A Biography
- David William Kling, The Bible in History: How the Texts Have Shaped the Times
- Roy A. Harrisville and Walter Sundberg, The Bible in Modern Culture