

## Department of Theology

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### UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Fall 2008**  
Instructor: Christopher Dorn  
Course #: THEO 1  
Sections: 1014 and 1016  
Course Title: Introduction to Theology

#### Description:

The primary aim of this first course in theology is to introduce to students the basic content of the Catholic Christian tradition, as evident in biblical, doctrinal, liturgical, ethical and ecumenical manifestations. It accomplishes this aim by investigating the sources of this tradition as found in Sacred Scripture and in the creeds, documents from Church councils, liturgical texts, lives of exemplary Christians, and excerpts from the writings of major theologians.

The secondary aim of this course is to make students aware of the identifying characteristics of the major world religions outside of Christianity. The brief survey of Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism conducted in this course will necessarily be informed by the perspective from which Christianity views these religions.

#### Required texts:

- (1) Introduction to Theology, John D. Laurance, S.J., Editor
- (2) The Harper Collins Study Bible, Student Edition, (fully revised and updated version)  
Harold W. Attridge, Editor
- (3) The Ongoing Renewal of Catholicism, Brennan R. Hill