

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Spring 2008**
Instructor: Mari Rapela Heidt
Course #: 167
Section: 1001
Course Title: Family, Church, and Society

Description:

This is a course in Christian ethics that focuses mainly on the Christian family and how the family interacts with the larger society that may be opposed to Christian values. Our approach to study here will be ecumenical and interdisciplinary, and will emphasize the global nature of the Church in the world. We will focus on topics such as Christian marriage and the challenges to marriage, children and the family and the special problems that the family faces in the 21st century, and the role of the church in guiding people to live good lives that strengthen the bonds between human beings in their homes and communities.

Required texts:

- John Paul II, Familiaris Consortio
- Other texts to be determined
- Students should anticipate printing several articles from D2L as required reading.

Optional texts:

- New Testament