

UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: **Spring 2008**
Instructor: Edward P. Anderson
Course #: Theo 1
Sections: 1006 and 1009
Course Title: Introduction to Theology

Description:

The purpose of this class, as the title suggests, is to begin at the beginning; to simply ask, What is Christianity? The student should have a solid and useful answer to that question. To that end the class will cover the essential concepts and practices of the faith, and just as importantly note the historical setting for the development of these concepts, as well as the relation of Christianity to other faiths and world events. But it is not a catechism class, and basic problems that have confronted the faith, as well as possible replies to them will be addressed. The student will be challenged to think critically, but hopefully by doing that find greater value in the faith.

Required texts:

- Benedict XVI. *God is Love*. Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2006
- Laurance, John D, ed. *Introduction to Theology*. second edition. Boston MA: Pearson Custom Publishing, 2006.
- *The Catholic Study Bible*, or *The Oxford Study Bible*.
- selections on electronic reserve