

CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY
RE205 FOUNDATION OF CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY

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DESCRIPTION:

We will study and discuss the theological foundations of Christianity from a contemporary (and at times Catholic) perspective, probing concepts fundamental to formulating a coherent and systematic faith vision within a diverse, multi-cultural society. Central themes include (but are not limited to): Revelation and faith, grace and Jesus, religion and salvation, scripture and tradition, church and mission and ethics and ecumenical dialogue. Contemporary debates on fundamental concepts in theology will be offered in a manner that is Christian, ecumenical and respectful of each person's viewpoints.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To provide a systematic study of Catholic Christianity in a spirit of correlation and contrast to other Christian traditions, world religions and humanity at large.
2. To study and discuss the theological foundations that seeks to be faithful to both history and global realities.
3. To encourage critical use of available resources to study theological discussions by various theologians.
4. To foster a continuing interest for the study of theology as it impacts humankind's spiritual, intellectual and socio-historical endeavors.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Presence and active participation in all scheduled class meetings.
2. Completion of all written assignments.

GRADING:

30% written assignments	20% mid-term exam
30% class attendance/participation	20% final exam

TEXTS:

The College Student's Introduction To Theology byj Thomas Rausch
The Experience of God by Dermot Lane

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. Knowledge of the subject matter from textbook, class lectures and discussion, and outside reading.
2. Ability to understand and discuss (but not necessarily agree with) subject matter from different viewpoints and/or beliefs.

SCHEDULE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

- October 6 Introduction, pre-test, what is theology? Rausch Chapter 1
- October 13 Scripture and its impact on theology Rausch Chapters 2 and 3
- October 20 Church in history Rausch Chapter 4
Theology and World Religions Rausch Chapter 11
- October 27 Christianity Rausch Chapter 5
Christian Living Rausch Chapter 8
- November 3 Theological Anthropology Rausch Chapter 6
Lane, Chapter 1
- November 10 Written in class mid-term
- November 17 Moral theology Rausch Chapter 7
- November 24 Christian Spirituality Rausch Chapter 9
Lane Chapter 2
- December 1 Issues in the Contemporary Church Rausch Chapter 10
Lane Chapter 3
- December 8 Written in class final exam