UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Spring 2016
Instructor: Dr. Marcus Plested
Course #: THEO 2210
Sections: 101/901 (Majors/Honors)
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Course Title: Great Moments in Christian Theology

Description:
This course explores the forging of Christian doctrine at the seven Ecumenical Councils – the Church councils accepted universally by the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Churches. Spanning the period 325 to 787 AD, the Ecumenical Councils declared the teaching of the Church on the principal aspects of the Christian faith: the Trinity, the Incarnation, and the legitimacy of religious images. All the Councils were played out against the background of seismic shifts in politics, society, and culture. Full attention will be given to this historical context. We shall also flesh out two other aspects of the Church’s life in the age of the Ecumenical Councils: mystical theology (the nature of human experience of God) and social doctrine (including issues of wealth and poverty, slavery, et cetera).