UNDERGRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Summer 2016
Instructor: Dr. John Zemler
Course #: THEO 2500
Section: 101
Course Title: Theology, Violence & Nonviolence

Description:

We will explore the theologies of non-violence and violence. The course will survey the biblical and historical trajectories of non-violence and the theological components of peace and healing. Those components are exemplified by understanding and growing a series of proper relationships: Relationships with God, Yourself, Your Communities, and the Creation. These relationships will be explored biblically and in the Christian tradition. The course will pay particular attention to the following: Addiction, Pornography, Grief, Suffering and Theodicy, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Soul Wounds, Wounded Healers and Redemptive Suffering, the Just War Tradition, and Prayer.

Everything necessary to succeed in this course is presented within the course content. Personal faith commitments are not required to succeed in this course. It is an academic theology class where everything required to succeed is presented in the course itself.