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**TITLE:** Gospel of John **TERM:** Spring 2022-2023

**PROFESSOR:** Daniel Frayer-Griggs **CREDIT HOURS:** 3

**REGISTRATION:** LIMITED TO: 20 UNLIMITED \_\_\_\_\_  
# AUDITORS: 2 NO AUDITORS \_\_\_\_\_

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course will engage in a careful study of the Gospel of John, emphasizing its backgrounds, narrative techniques and structure, and theological concerns. Students will consider the Fourth Gospel in relation and contrast to the synoptics, while we explore its importance for Christian theology. We will also critically engage the book's representation of Judaism, particularly considering its reception history. The course will proceed by means of lectures and in-class discussions. Greek is not required but will be very helpful.

**CLASS OBJECTIVES:**

We will address historical, theological, and exegetical issues, with a view to helping the student read fruitfully, and to teach or preach from this Gospel. Major objectives include:

- raising students' awareness of the many themes, theological layers, and historical particularities of the Fourth Gospel
- developing students' ability to interpret and preach/teach on texts that are both narrational and symbolic
- helping students see the significance of the Fourth Gospel regarding Christian theology and its early development.
- enhancing students' ability to develop a coherent view of biblical inspiration, especially as it pertains to the genre of gospel, this book's symbolism, and the particularities of a gospel emerging as Christianity and Judaism parted ways.

**PREREQUISITES:**

One of the following introductions: NT110, NT120, OT110, OT120

**REQUIRED TETBOOKS/READINGS:**

- Complete Study Bible (NRSV, RSV) with Deuterocanonical/Apocryphal books.
- Jo-Ann Brant, *John*, Paideia Commentaries on the New Testament (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2011), ISBN 978-0801034541, \$35.00.
- Christopher W. Skinner, *Reading John*, Cascade Companions (Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2015), ISBN 978-1610978033, \$19.00.

**ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING**

Class participation (10%); critical reflection essay (15%); book review (25%); final essay (50%)

**ATTENDANCE:** Required.