Credit Hours: 3
Classroom: McMahon 013
Days and Times: M,W,F 9.10-10:00 AM

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Course Description
This course presents a general introduction to the Gospel of John. It gives special attention to the historical background and to the theological themes present in this gospel. Students are required to write an exegetical paper and sermons related to the passages of the gospel used in Sunday Liturgy.

Required Texts
D. Moody Smith, John (ANTC), Nashville, TN, 1999

Course Goals
The goals of the course are (1) to familiarize students with the content of the Gospel of John, (2) to introduce students to the background of this gospel (3) enable students to understand exegetical and theological difficulties with regard to this text.

Goals for Student Learning
At the conclusion of this course, students should be familiar with the following:
(1) the historical background of the Gospel
(2) the distinctive theological themes present in John
(3) the general content of the Gospel
(4) critical thinking about exegetical issues related to the Gospel of John

Course Requirements and Important Dates
(1) Active participation in class
(2) Completion of the required writings.
(3) An essay which is due on Monday, April 20th. A paper submitted after the due date equals F for the paper.
(4) Midterm: Friday, February 27th.
(5) Final examination: **Wednesday May 6th from 9:00-10:00 AM.**

**Expectations and policies**

**Class policies:**

**Attendance:** Students are expected to attend (a) all classes; (b) participate actively. Students are to remain in the classroom throughout the entire class period.

**Punctuality:**

Students are asked to come to class on time. Punctuality is a sign of courtesy and respect for others.

**Cell Phones:** Please shut off all cell phones and text messaging devices before attending class.

**Laptops:** Laptops are allowed in class but should be used only to take class notes.

**Academic honesty:**

Academic honesty is expected of all CUA students. Faculty are required to initiate the imposition of sanctions when they find violations of academic honesty, such as plagiarism, improper use of a student’s own work, cheating, and fabrication. The sanction is failure for the course.

Please review the complete texts of the University policy and procedures regarding Student Academic Dishonesty, including requirements for appeals, at [http://policies.cua.edu/academicundergrad/integrity.cfm](http://policies.cua.edu/academicundergrad/integrity.cfm) and [http://policies.cua.edu/academicundergrad/integrity.cfm](http://policies.cua.edu/academicundergrad/integrity.cfm).

**Accommodations for students with disabilities:** Any student who feels s/he may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact the instructor privately to discuss specific needs. Please contact Disability Support Services (at 202 319-5211, room 207 Pryzbyla Center) to coordinate reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities. To read about the services and policies, please visit the website: [http://disabilitysupport.cua.edu](http://disabilitysupport.cua.edu).

**Calculation of the grade**

The final grade will be computed on the basis of:
- the paper (1/5)
- the quality of class participation (1/5)
- required writings (1/5)
- the midterm (1/5)
- the final exam (1/5)