

University of Dubuque Theological Seminary
BI 644D/645D: The Gospel of John
New Testament Exegesis

(3 credits)

Prerequisite: BI 550

This course fulfills the New Testament exegesis requirement.

This course can be taken as a Greek exegesis course, or as an English exegesis course. Students taking it as a Greek exegesis course will be responsible for completing weekly Greek translation assignments. Students taking it as an English exegesis course will not be responsible for translation assignments, but will have different weekly exegetical exercises to complete.

Description

This course is an in-depth exegetical study of the Gospel of John. We will make use of the various methods of exegesis, examining its narrative, settings, teachings, and theological perspective in light of its context, using archaeological, historical, and literary methods. Scholarly issues such as historicity, reception, and origins will be introduced and critically examined. Narrative criticism will be employed to help draw meaning out of the text. John's Christology and its distinctive portrait of Jesus will be emphasized and discussed, with special attention paid to the relevance of these topics for Christian faith and practice in antiquity and modernity.

Course Objectives

Throughout the course, students will:

- Identify the message and key theological themes of the Gospel of Luke and Galatians;
- Interpret the Gospel of John in light of its historical and cultural contexts;
- For Greek exegesis students: hone and develop Greek translation and exegetical skills;
- Learn and apply exegetical methods;
- Evaluate scholarly interpretations of John and justify their own interpretations on the basis of evidence;
- Apply the theological teachings of the Gospel of John to their own Christian ministry, faith and practice in preaching and teaching.

Curricular Goals

This course is designed to fulfill the following goals:

- Interpret the Christian Scriptures through faithful exegesis and in light of the Christian tradition.
- Be formed by, live in, and minister out of scripture and the historical and theological tradition of the church.
- Engage contemporary theological and ethical issues with insight and humility.

Required Texts

Edward W. Klink. *John*. Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2016.

Richard Horsley and Tom Thatcher. *John, Jesus, and the Renewal of Israel*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2013.

Warren Carter. *John: Storyteller, Interpreter, Evangelist*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2006.

Additional readings will be provided through Moodle.

Students completing the Greek portion of the course will also need access to the Greek text of the New Testament.