Seán Charles Martin 3 credits

Description:

An exploration of the Fourth Gospel and the three Johannine letters for their distinctive witnesses, literary structures and theological developments. Participants in the course will analyse selected narrative and discursive pericopæ using several models, including historical-critical, narrative, social-scientific and liberationist approaches.

Objectives:

- To identify the central themes of the Fourth Gospel and the three Johannine letters through close readings of selected pericopæ;
- To become familiar with the exegetical tools proper to contemporary Scripture study;
- To become conversant with contemporary issues in Johannine studies through readings of selected scholarly literature.

Procedure: Lecture/Discussion

Evaluation:

Research paper

80%

Students shall examine a passage from either the Fourth Gospel or any of the Johannine letters, placing it within the context of Jesus' ministry, John's narrative, or the theological preoccupations of the Johannine community. The paper should be 15-20 pages in length.

Class presentations

20%

Students will be assigned opportunities to summarise and analyse a contemporary exegetical approach to a particular passage from the Gospel. The presentation should not exceed more than ten minutes.

Required Texts:

Any contemporary translation of the Bible, e.g., NRSV, NAB, NJB, etc.

Moloney, Francis J. *The Gospel of John*. Sacra Pagina 4. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1998.