



MTS COURSE PROGRAM

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

COURSE NAME	: The Gospel of John in Christian Theology (NT 645)
REQUIREMENTS	: N/A
CREDITS	: 3
ACADEMIC UNIT	: Alliance Theological Seminary Deanery
DATES	: From October 16 to December 3, 2023
SYNCHRONOUS SCHEDULE	: November 7, 9, 21 and 23, 11:30 – 3:30 p.m. (Chicago Time)
HALL	: Virtual Classroom (Zoom)
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ATTENTION SCHEDULE	: I will try to respond to emails within 48 hours

II. RELEVANCE AND DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE:

This course offers an examination of the content and structure of the Gospel of John. By studying the Greek text, we will see the theological relevance of this gospel.

Christian theology is inconceivable without the Gospel of John and especially its 'prologue', which describes the Word of God in the beginning with God and as God, and the Word himself made flesh. The objective of this seminar is to discuss the content of the Gospel of John to understand its meaning. Our exegetical work in the course will result in rich theological discussions. We will pay close attention to the exegetical details of significant passages. We will also explore the historical context of first century Judaism and ancient Greek and Roman cultures to understand the background of said gospel. We will rely on contemporary interpreters, especially those who write from and for Latin America.



III. LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Objectives (*cognitive and procedural*):

At the end of this course students will be able to:

1. carry out exegesis of the Gospel of John, with reference to historical-critical and literary interpretative methods,
2. analyze texts from the Gospel of John in their Jewish and Greco-Roman context of the first century, and
3. apply the knowledge acquired in class to contemporary theological and ministerial issues.

IV. CONTENTS:

- Exegesis of John 1-4
Read: *The divine condition of Jesus*, pp. 9-35
Read: "Three faces of God in the fourth gospel"
- Exegesis of John 5-9
Read: *The divine condition of Jesus*, pp. 37-78
- Exegesis of John 10-12
Read: *The divine condition of Jesus*, pp. 79-112
- Exegesis of John 13-14
Videos: View videos analytically
- Exegesis of John 15-17
Read: "Creation in the Gospel of John"
- Exegesis of John 18-21
Videos: View videos analytically

Carlos Raúl Sosa Siliezar. *The divine condition of Jesus: Christology and creation in the gospel of John*. Salamanca: Follow me, 2019.

Carlos Raúl Sosa Siliezar. "Three faces of God in the fourth gospel." *Gregorianum* 94 (2013): 727-737.

Carlos Raúl Sosa Siliezar. "Creation in the Gospel of John: A bibliographic review of English-speaking authors." *Scripta Theologica* 45 (2013): 445-463.

V. EVALUATION STRATEGY:

Aim	Assessment	Intentionality	Weighing
1. Carry out exegesis of the Gospel of John, with reference to the methods historical-critical interpretive and literary	During the meetings synchronous I will observe the techniques exegetics of each student	Diagnostic	0%
2. Analyze texts of the Gospel of John in his Jewish context and Greco-Roman from the first century this to understand the Gospel, theology and anthropology.	Each student will deliver a final interpretation project of a select passage from the Gospel of Juan	Summative	100%
3. Apply knowledge acquired in the A class issues theological and ministerial contemporary.	Reading reports and student reports videos will include evidence of ministerial and personal applications	Diagnostic	0%

SAW. METHODOLOGICAL STRATEGY:

This course will be developed through expository-type theoretical sessions supported by lectures prepared by the teacher (pre-recorded videos) and group reading of the Greek text of the New Testament. Each student must also research and present topics proposed by the teacher for discussion and interaction in the virtual class.

VII. SCHEDULE OR CALENDARIZATION:

Week	Hours/modality	Unit	Activity	Issue
16-20 October	20 hours / self-instruction	1	Readings	John 1-4
October 23-27	20 hours / self-instruction	2	Readings	John 5-9
Oct 30 – Nov 3	10 hours / self-instruction	3	Readings	John 10-12
6 – 10 November	16 hours/virtual synchronous Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Thursday, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	4	Videos Conferences	John 13-14
November 13 – 17	20 hours / self-instruction	5	Readings	John 15-17
20 – 24 November	16 hours/virtual synchronous Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Thursday, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	6	Videos Conferences	John 18-21
Nov 27 – Dec 3	20 hours/final work	7	Write the final paper	

VIII. GENERAL RULES OF THE COURSE:

to. **Evaluations.** Evaluation is the way to measure the achievements achieved by students, contrasting them with specific evaluation criteria. This evaluation can be diagnostic, formative and summative, with the summative being graded from **2 to 7, with 60%** academic requirement. Evaluations can be varied in their strategy. Students must comply with the dates and forms established for the evaluations, which may be justified, if they do not comply, through a medical license or medical certificate when appropriate, and must send said document to graduate@seminarioalianza.cl with a copy to decanato@seminarioalianza.cl.

Each student must write to these addresses. They will not be able to negotiate



with the teacher extensions for their assignments, absences in class, or problems with the platform or internet. This will have to be done through the deanery and the graduate department of the Seminary.

- b. **Academic deliveries.** For academic deliveries the student will review the academic delivery document provided by the Seminar and attached to the course General Standards and Regulations/Work Format Manual Academics.

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