Objective for the course is to introduce students to current scholarly understandings of the Fourth Gospel in the light of its original cultural environment.


New Revised Standard Version of the Bible or another translation approved by the professor.

Grade: The grade for the course will be based on a mid-term examination (30%), a final examination (30%), and a five-page research paper.

Attendance: Class attendance is required. Each student will be allowed four absences from class. Each additional absence normally will result in two points being deducted from the final grade.

Assignments: Read the Gospel of John before January 22. Read Witherington’s commentary on the chapter to be discussed in class.

March 3, Turn in the subject of your semester’s research paper.

April 9, First draft of research paper completed.

Examinations: February 24. Mid-term examination (30%).

May 7, (8:30 AM), Final examination (30%).

Seminar Papers: Research papers (40%) will be read and discussed in class on the following days: April 19, 21, 23, 26, 28.

Review: April 30.