

Unit Code
B7368
Unit Name
Johannine Literature
Unit Weighting
9 cps
Type of Unit
Specialised unit
Prerequisites, corequisites or exclusions
18 B cpts
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Curriculum Objectives
This course unit builds upon the knowledge and skills learned in the pre-requisite units. It examines the historical context, literary forms and theological content of the Gospel and Letters of John, and their application to a range of spiritual and pastoral concerns.
Learning Outcomes
At the end of this unit, students will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. assess the historical, cultural and religious background of the Johannine community 2. identify the principal literary forms in the Gospel and letters of John and show how they communicate their theological content 3. demonstrate well-developed critical exegetical skills in written essays on selected passages from the Fourth Gospel 4. integrate significant secondary literature into critical studies of the Johannine corpus 5. apply insights gained from the Johannine Literature to contemporary Christian preaching, teaching and spirituality
Content
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction: issues of authorship, date, relationship of the Gospel with the Synoptics 2. History and religious perspective of the Johannine community especially as reflected in the Johannine epistles. 3. Distinctive literary style, imagery and narrative features of the Fourth Gospel 4. Key theological themes of the Johannine tradition 5. Exegesis of selected passages from the Fourth Gospel
Teaching Methods
Lectures, tutorials, field work, student presentations, seminars – in class and/or online
Assessment Profile
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Critical book review that might be linked to class or online discussion [Outcomes 1, 2, 5] 2. Written exegetical essay on a selected passage from the Fourth Gospel using accepted methodology. [Outcomes 2, 3, 4] 3. Formal written essay on either a key theological theme or critical issue related to the Johannine literature. [Outcomes 1, 2, 4, 5]
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