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**Chaminade University  
Fall 2001  
Pearl Harbor Extension**

**Course:** Religion 414<sup>600</sup> Gospel of John

**Time:** Tuesdays 4:45-8:55 pm

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**Textbooks:** Any modern translation of the Christian Scriptures (e.g., NRSV, NKJV, NASB, NLT, NJB).

Köstenberger, Andreas J. 1999, *Encountering John: The Gospel in Historical, Literary, and Theological Perspective*, Grand Rapids, MI: BakerBooks.

O'Grady, John F. 1999, *According to John: The Witness of the Beloved Disciple*, Mahwah, NJ: Paulist.

Thomas, John Christopher. 1991, *Footwashing in John 13 and the Johannine Community*, Journal for the Study of the New Testament Supplement Series 61, Sheffield, UK: JSOT Press.

**Course Description:**

Study of the stages and historical setting of the writing of the Fourth Gospel; theories on authorship; the structure of the Gospel; a section-by-section investigation of the major themes; special emphasis on redaction criticism. Offered alternate years. Prerequisites: RE 205, RE 315, or permission of the instructor.

**Course Objectives:**

At the end of the course, the student will be able:

- \* to explain the historical setting, composition process and circumstances of the composition of the Gospel of John.
- \* to explain the interpretive issues and techniques and technical terminology associated with New Testament studies.
- \* to explain the literary structure, styles and forms of the Fourth Gospel and their relation to interpretation.
- \* to describe the central teachings and theological themes found in the Gospel of John and relate them to contemporary existence.

**Class Format:**

The course will utilize both lecture and seminar/discussion formats. Students are required to be prepared for each class session through readings and assigned activities since the course is designed to be a cooperative learning experience with input from everyone.

**Requirements and Grading:**

Reflection Journal .....	20 points
Mid-term Examination .....	25 points
Final Examination .....	25 points
Research Paper .....	30 points

Any assignment turned in late will be lowered in grade unless prior arrangements are made with the instructor.

**Attendance Policy:**

Unexcused absences equaling 2 weeks of the course will be reported to the Dean of Arts and Sciences and the Records office. Unexcused absence of more than one week of classes will result in a lowering of the final grade in the course.

**Course Calendar:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>READING</b>
10/2	Orientation and Introduction Issues in New Testament Studies	Gospel of John
10/9	Issues in New Testament Studies (cont.) Background to the Gospels	Köstenberger, 30-32 Thomas, 19-25
10/16	Brief History of the Study of John Introduction to the Fourth Gospel	Köstenberger, 22-28, 209-13 O'Grady, 129-49
10/23	The Fourth Gospel as Literature and Theology	Köstenberger, 32-43 O'Grady, 7-81, 121-28
10/30	Encountering the Word	Köstenberger, 47-79
11/6	<b><u>Mid-term examination</u></b>	
11/13	Encountering the Word	Köstenberger, 81-105 <b><u>Paper due</u></b>
11/20	Encountering the Word	Köstenberger, 117-36 Thomas, 61-116
12/4	Encountering the Word	Köstenberger, 143-50, 158-64, 168-88 O'Grady, 82-117
12/11	<b><u>Final Exam</u></b>	O'Grady, 150-59