

**North Portland Bible College  
Portland, Oregon**

**NT101z - Survey of the Gospel of John  
2016-2017 Spring  
1 Credit**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

A study of the Gospel of John in its historical, social, and religious context, and its place in relation to the other gospels.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

1. Know the basic introduction to the Gospel of John (theme, purpose, theological contribution, and cultural and historical context).
2. Be able to explain the basic message of the the book and how it fits into the overall story of Scripture.
3. Practice interaction with the text of Scripture through written identification of key questions, difficulties and insights and arriving at preliminary answers to those questions.
4. Grow in the desire and ability to study the Gospels.
5. Apply specific principals from the Gospels to personal life and ministry.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

**Reading**

**Required:**

1. The Holy Bible. Preferred translations are the ESV, NASB, or HCSB however you may use any standard translation of the Bible (no paraphrases). You are strongly encouraged to use a translation different from the one you commonly use to provide fresh reading of this well know part of Scripture.
2. *The Lion and the Lamb*. Kostenberger, A. J. and L. S. Kellum. Nashville: B&H, 2012. You will be required to read specific chapters out of *The Lion and the Lamb*. Copies will be available at Sonrise Church.

**All assigned reading is to be completed prior to the beginning of class.**

### Supplemental:

1. Supplemental articles and papers may be provided for additional personal growth. A one page response to the article may be turned in for extra credit. These materials will be available on the Classroom.

### Recommended Book:

1. *Essential Bible Background*. Laney, J. Carl. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2016. ISBN-13: 978-1539635048

### **MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS** (see attached schedule for due dates)

1. Attend Introduction to NT101x class.
2. View "Read Scripture Series: John Ch. 1-12" <https://youtu.be/G-2e9mMf7E8> and read The Gospel According to John chapters 1-12.
3. View "Read Scripture Series: John Ch. 13-21" [https://youtu.be/RUfh\\_wOsauk](https://youtu.be/RUfh_wOsauk) and read The Gospel According to John chapters 13-21.
4. Completion of assigned reading and questions from *The Lion and the Lamb*.
5. Observations /Questions report from Bible reading. The student will record a combination of 5 observations/insights and 5 questions/difficulties from reading the assigned Biblical texts.
6. One Question and Preliminary Answer Paper. The student will select one of the questions or difficulties from the previous assignments and prepare a 2 -3 page paper with a preliminary answer to the question. The format should use the following outline:
  - I. The Question Stated  
In this section you will state the question and its Biblical reference. Also include why this question interested you. (1 paragraph)
  - II. The Question Answered  
In this section you will present a preliminary answer to your question from your personal study of the Bible. Begin with the immediate context, then consider the context of the chapter, and then the entire book. Extend your research to any other writings of the author followed by pertinent information in the rest of the Bible. Use cross references and concordances to find other verses that help you understand your question. You may use electronic searches as long as you confine them to the text of the Bible at this time.
7. One Final Answer and Application Paper. This is an extension of the Preliminary Answer Paper assignment. From it the student will prepare a 4 -5 page paper answering the question using the students own insights and at least two approved commentaries and then apply the insights learned from that answer to his or her personal life or ministry. The format should use the following outline:
  - I. The Question Stated  
In this section you will state the question and its Biblical reference. Also include why this question interested you. (1 paragraph)
  - II. The Question Answered

In this section you will re-present your preliminary answer to your question from your previous paper. Changes and additions to your answer are welcome but this section should still represent only your own personal study of the passage.

### III. The Answer Researched

In this section you will expand your previous answer and include research from at least two approved commentaries. Compare your preliminary answer to the information you find in the commentaries and augment, or modify your answer if you think the new information demands. State your disagreement and why if you do not agree with them. Sections I, II, & III (2½ - 3 pages)

### IV. The Answer Applied

In this section you will apply the answer you have discovered to your personal life or ministry. Be specific. (1½ - 2 pages)

8. One Exam. A final exam consisting of T/F, multiple choice and short answer questions.

## **COURSE EXPECTATIONS AND POLICIES**

### **Attendance Policy**

This is a hybrid class that includes pre-class and post-class work as well as a one week/four night intensive class time. Students are required to complete the assigned pre and post-class work as well as attend and participate in classroom activities. Students are expected to attend at least eight of the ten hours of class for completion of a course of study. It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements with instructor for completing class-work and meeting attendance requirements. (NPBC Catalog, pg. 15). Please notify the instructor of planned absences in advance and as soon as possible in the event of an unexpected or emergency situation.

### **Evaluation and Grading Policy**

Letter grades will follow the Academic Policies section of the NPBC Catalog, pg. 13. A final grade will be based on the following criteria:

1. Attend Intro to NT101z class:	5%	1hr
2. Attendance and constructive class participation:	25%	10hrs
3. View Intro to John Videos and read John:	10%	2.5hrs
4. Interactive Observations/Questions for the John:	5%	1hr
5. Completion of assigned reading from <i>The Lion and the Lamb</i> :	5%	1hr
6. Study Guide Questions from <i>The Lion and the Lamb</i> :	5%	1hr
7. One Exam:	15%	1hr
8. Question and Preliminary Answer Paper:	10%	5hrs
9. Final Answer and Application Paper:	20%	<u>7hrs</u>
		29.5hrs

### **Late assignment policy**

A grace period of 2 (two) days will be given for incomplete assignments with prior approval of the instructor. The student will have two days following the normal class period that the assignment is due to complete the late assignment. Late work should be submitted to the instructor as soon as completed but no later than 3:00 PM of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day. A 5% grade reduction per day will be given for work turned in after the 3:00 PM cut off.

### **EXPECTATIONS RE: A PARTICULAR WRITING/FORMAT STYLE FOR PAPERS**

#### **NPBC Writing Standards:**

All written work must be typed in the format designated by the college. Excessive errors such as grammar, punctuation, format, and spelling will affect your grade. A copy of NPBC Writing Guidelines is available through the office.

All written material submitted must be the original work of the student. **Plagiarism** is a violation of academic integrity and constitutes a serious breach of scholarship standards at North Portland Bible College. When quoting the work of an author or an author's ideas are used in your paper, document, document, and document.

#### **OTHER**

All written work should be turned in via the classroom. It should be in Microsoft Word (or compatible) format and will be returned with corrections/comments attached. The file name should be NT101zassignmenttitle(Lastname), e.g. NT101z5&5Matthew(Holt)

## **COURSE SCHEDULE AND CONTENT TOPICS**

Date	Topic	Reading	Assignment
4/9/2017	Introduction to NT101z	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Syllabus</li> </ul>	Online Orientation (available in Classroom)
Prior to first class meeting	pre-class assignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• View “Read Scripture Series: John Ch. 1-12” <a href="https://youtu.be/G-2e9mMf7E8">https://youtu.be/G-2e9mMf7E8</a> and read The Gospel According to John chapters 1-12</li> <li>• View “Read Scripture Series: John Ch. 13-21” <a href="https://youtu.be/RUfh_wOsauk">https://youtu.be/RUfh_wOsauk</a> and read The Gospel According to John chapters 13-21</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interactive Questions for John(5&amp;5)</li> </ul>
5/1/2017	I. Course Introduction & Review of the Synoptic Gospels II. Background of John III. Selected Passages from John		
5/2/2017	I. Selected Passages from John		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quiz</li> </ul>
5/3/2017	I. Background of Luke II. Selected Passages from John		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quiz</li> </ul>
5/4/2017	I. Selected Passages from John II. Review for Exam		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topic for Answer and Application Paper</li> </ul>
5/12/17	post-class assignment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exam on John</li> </ul>
5/26/2017	post-class assignment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preliminary Answer Paper</li> </ul>
6/2/2017	post-class assignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Lion and the Lamb</i> chapter 7</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Lion and the Lamb</i> Study Questions Chap 7 #3,4,5,&amp;6</li> </ul>
6/9/2017	post-class assignment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answer and Application Paper</li> </ul>

### RESERVE BOOKS

Carson, D. A. and D. J. Moo. *An Introduction to the New Testament (Second Edition)*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005. Logos.

Kostenberger, A. J. and L. S. Kellum. *The Lion and the Lamb*. Nashville: B&H, 2012. Logos.

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