

John of the Cross as a Spiritual Guide

Syllabus

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A one-credit undergraduate course.

6 evenings, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays:

May 21, 23, 28, and 30; June 4 and 6, 2019.

Course description

In this course, students will explore various teachings by the great Carmelite Saint John of the Cross, doctor of the church. There will be lectures by the professor, conversations with peers, questions raised by students, discussions in class of texts previously read at home, and a written essay (optional).

Objectives

To make sure you interpret correctly the thought of John of the Cross.

To be able to find, in his observations and recommendations, concrete assistance for your life of prayer.

Credit requirements

Attendance and participation in class (50%) and a written essay for the credit (50%).

Students are required to contribute orally in class to the understanding of texts.

A guiding sheet will be provided for the written essay.

Drinking is permitted in class; however, no eating in classroom, even during the pause.

Please raise your hand before talking.

Book to purchase

The Collected Works of St. John of the Cross, trans. Kieran Kavanaugh and Otilio Rodriguez (Washington, DC: ICS, 2nd, rev. ed., 1991), which is somewhat different from the earlier one, of 1964, by the same translators. This is the best translation, to which the teacher will refer in class. Also, if you purchase it at Amazon.ca, do not click “Prime”; otherwise, you have to pay an extra \$50. The Kindle edition (electronically sent) is not expensive, whereas the book (new or used) is expensive.

Dominicus

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