This course explores the history of one of Christianity’s most influential literary products: the Gospel of John, part of the Christian Bible. As we work through the text chapter-by-chapter, we will probe such questions as: Who wrote this biography of Jesus? Where did he live? What was his primary motivation in writing? What do the kaleidoscopic images, symbols and stories in the texts mean? We will also explore the many significances attached to the text among its later readers, interpreters, and imitators, with a special interest in the authors of 1, 2, and 3 John.