

Introduction to Biblical Greek I

Fall 2020

Course Description:

This course introduces the rudiments of Greek grammar, including the most common grammatical constructions and vocabulary, developing translation and exegetical skills.

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Course Objectives:

1. To begin developing a working Greek vocabulary
2. To begin developing a systematic understanding of Koine Greek grammar
3. To consider translation philosophies thoughtfully

Textbooks:

1. A Greek New Testament (UBS or Nestle-Aland)
2. Grammars (Machen and Roberts, see Bibliography below)
3. Lexicon (Thayer's + MM is an option, see Bibliography below)

Course Requirements:

1. Weekly Exercises (35%)
2. Vocabulary Quizzes (25%)
3. Mid-term Exam (20%)
4. Final Exam (20%)

Projected Course Outline:

<u>Week</u>	<u>Lecture Content</u>	<u>Exercises & Vocab.</u>	<u>Other Information</u>
1	Learning a Language, The Nature of Biblical Greek	None	
2	Alphabet, Pronunciation, Orthography	1	
3	Introduction to Verbs, Present Active Indicative of ω -verbs	2	
4	Introduction to Nouns in $-\eta$ and $-o$	3	
5	Prepositions	4	
6	Adjectives	5	
7	Contract verbs in $-\epsilon$	6	
8	Present Middle/Passive Indicative	7	Mid-term

9	Nouns in ας and ης	8	
10	Athematic verbs	9	
11	Personal Pronouns	10	
12	Imperfect Active Indicative	11	
13	Imperfect Middle/Passive Indicative	12	
14	Demonstrative and Reflexive Pronouns	13	
15	Future Tense	14	Final

Class Policies:

Attendance (From the GLBC Catalogue)

Students are required to attend classes regularly. One unexcused absence for every credit hour in a given course may be permitted, i.e. per one-hour class. Two percent (2%) of the course grade per academic hour for each hour of classroom instruction missed may be deducted for each unexcused absence beyond the above.

Late Work (From the GLBC Catalogue)

Assignments for the term are listed in the syllabus supplied for each course. Every assignment so listed must be completed to pass the course. Late submission of assignments need not be accepted by the instructor. Extenuating circumstances and emergencies will be taken into consideration. If a late assignment is accepted, a grade reduction of 5% per instructional day may be assessed.

Selected Bibliography:

Beginning Grammars

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Mounce, William D. *Basics of Biblical Greek Grammar*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1993.

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Porter, Stanley E., Jeffrey T. Reed, and Matthew B. O'Donnell. *Fundamentals of New Testament Greek*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010

Roberts, J.W. *A Grammar of the Greek New Testament for Beginners*. Revised by Donald L. Potter. Odessa TX: n.p., 2014. [Shared by editor: http://donpotter.net/pdf/roberts_grammar.pdf]

Voelz, James W. *Fundamental Greek Grammar*. St. Louis: Concordia, 1986.

Lexical Resources

Bauer, Walter, et al. *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*. 3rd edition. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000. [BDAG]

Liddell, Henry George, et al. *A Greek-English Lexicon*. 9th edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000. [LSJ]

Metzger, Bruce M. *Lexical Aids for Students of New Testament Greek*. Princeton, NJ: n.p., 1951.

Moulton, James Hope, and George Milligan. *The Vocabulary of the Greek Testament: Illustrated from the Papyri and Other Non-Literary Sources*. 1930. Reprint, Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1997. [MM]

Thayer, Joseph H. *Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*. Peabody: Hendrickson, 1995.

VanVoorst, Robert E. *Building Your New Testament Greek Vocabulary*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990.