

Elements of Biblical Greek I

First Semester Greek

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Class meetings: Internet via www.Zoom.us videoconferencing software

Class Time: Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. CST (90 minutes)

Dates: September 29, 2020 – December 15, 2020

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces the basic grammar and vocabulary of biblical Greek, preparing you to translate, interpret, and apply Scripture, and use Greek in your biblical studies. You will learn the essentials of grammar and an adequate vocabulary by doing exercises.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course you should be able to:

1. Understand the basic grammar of biblical Greek.
2. Know foundational Greek vocabulary words (about 320).
3. Translate from the New Testament with some helps.
4. Use biblical Greek as a tool for ministry to better understand and communicate God's Word.
5. Utilize commentaries and biblical resources that require knowledge of the Greek language.

COURSE TEXTS

Required Resources

1. Mounce, W. D. *Basics of Biblical Greek: Grammar*. 4th edition (Zondervan)
2. Mounce, W. D. *Basics of Biblical Greek: Workbook*. 4th edition (Zondervan)
3. Broadband internet access. Go to www.SpeedTest.net and confirm that your download speeds are at least 10 Mbps per second. This is necessary for video conferences.
4. To purchase access to the class, please email Dr. Elliott Mallory-Greene at emg.ceed@icloud.com
5. Other materials will be provided by the professor.

Recommended Resources

1. Mounce, W. D. *Basics of Biblical Greek: Flashcards* (Zondervan). Helps with vocabulary. Some choose to make their own cards to further reinforce the words by writing them. You can also use the free computer flashcard program, FlashWorks, available at BillMounce.com/flashworks. (which can also pronounce the words).
2. *Basics of Biblical Greek Vocabulary Cards* (iOS app)
3. Mounce, W. D., *Get an A+ Study Guides: Biblical Greek*. Summary sheet of basic grammar.

4. Most students are anxious to buy a Greek Bible. There are two standard editions; both have the same text.
 - a. Aland, Kurt, et al., eds., *The Greek New Testament*, 4th ed. New York: United Bible Society.
 - b. Nestle, E., et al., eds., *Novum Testamentum Graece*, 28th edition, Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft.
5. Lamerson, Samuel. *English Grammar to Ace New Testament Greek*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan.

GRADING (PER EACH SEMESTER)

Quizzes:

There will be a total of 10 quizzes. The lowest two scores will be dropped, or the student may opt to skip two quizzes. Except for the days when a major exam occurs, a quiz will be administered. If you miss, it will count as one of your drops. I will use quizzes to see how you are doing and to make sure you are keeping pace with the class. You will grade your own quizzes with provided keys and record the grade in the class gradebook.

Exams:

There will be 2 examinations; a Midterm and a Final Exam. Each exam counts 25% of the total grade. No makeup exams unless it is cleared with the teacher prior to the test. Testing is over everything assigned (i.e., they are cumulative), but will emphasize what you learned since the last exam. Tests may be submitted electronically and graded by the teacher

Homework/Exercises:

Homework and other exercises will be assigned each class period. The work will be graded for completion. The homework and exercises are designed to prepare students for quizzes and exams.

Grading Summary:

Quizzes	40%	10 QUIZZES, 2 DROPS = 8 GRADED QUIZZES
Exams	50%	MIDTERM: Session 6 FINAL: Session 12
Homework	10%	

Grading Scale:

100-99%	A+	80-75%	C
98-95%	A	74-73%	C-
94-93%	A-	72-71%	D+
92-91%	B+	70-65%	D
90-85%	B	64-63%	D-
84-83%	B-	62-0%	F
82-81%	C+		

TIME REQUIREMENTS

The expectation is that students will study approximately 4-5 hours per chapter (including exercises and review sessions) for a total of 180 hours for both classes.

CLASS PREPARATION AND TESTS

This class uses the best of distance education technologies and online video conferencing. You will be able to work your own hours at (somewhat) your own pace, but will also meet with the professor and classmates for encouragement and help.

The biggest danger of this approach is if you get behind, so it is critical that you stay up on the pace. I would encourage you to get a head start and try to stay ahead of the class schedule.

OTHER ISSUES

Study Groups

Because this is a hybrid course without traditional classes, your major challenges will be not getting behind and becoming discouraged. Lifelong friendships are often formed in Greek class, and they are well worth the time.

Cheating

Legal stuff I have to say; sorry. If you are caught cheating you will receive an "F" for that test. If it happens a second time you will receive an "F" for the course. There will be no reimbursement of tuition. Do not make copies of the exams.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

The following schedule is based on a three hour, 12 week semester program, with two semesters to complete the textbook. Video conferences for reviews are generally scheduled on Tuesdays at 5 pm (Central Standard time). There may need to be some flexibility on these days.

FIRST SEMESTER

Week 1 (September 29 – September 18)

Introduction to the class

Rationale

Chapter 1: The Greek Language

Chapter 2: Learning Greek

Chapter 3: The Alphabet and Pronunciation

Week 2 (October 6– October 10)

Chapter 4: Syllabification

Chapter 5: Introduction to English Nouns

Week 3 (October 13 – October 17)

Chapter 6: Nominative and Accusative

Week 4 (October 20 – October 24)

Chapter 7: Genitive and Dative

Week 5 (October 27 – October 31)

Chapter 8: Prepositions

Chapter 9: Adjectives

Week 6 (November 3 – November 7)

Chapter 10: Third Declension Nouns

Test #1 — due by Saturday, October 21, 2017

Week 7 (November 10 – November 14)

Chapter 11: First and Second Person Personal Pronouns

Chapter 12: αὐτός

Week 8 (November 17 – November 21)

Chapter 13: Demonstrative Pronouns / Adjectives

Chapter 14: Relative Pronouns

Week 9 (November 24 – November 28)

Translation Practicum

Week 10 (December 1 – December 5)

Chapter 15: Introduction to Verbs

Chapter 16: Present Active Indicative

Week 11 (December 8 – December 12)

Chapter 17: Contract Verbs

Week 12 (December 15 – December 19)

Chapter 18: Present Middle / Passive Indicative

Chapter 19: Future Active / Middle Indicative

Test #2 — due by Saturday, November 18, 2017