

#222 Advanced Greek
Western Reformed Seminary
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COURSE INFORMATION

Course description

Vocabulary mastery of words occurring 25 or more times in the NT; systematic study of Greek syntax; use of advanced level Greek tools; Greek synonyms; survey of science of linguistics as it relates to NT Greek; continued application of textual criticism and the critical apparatus; reading of moderately difficult NT portions, with application of syntactical principles.

Course objectives

This course is designed to be taken after you have completed Intermediate Greek. In this course you will review and memorize all the Greek vocabulary that occurs 25 times or more in the NT (512 words, 219 being new this semester). You will survey the linguistic principles on which the study of Greek is based by reading a book and class discussion. You will examine the standard advanced tools of Greek research: grammars, concordances, and dictionaries. And you will translate and be familiar with the Greek text of four chapters of moderate difficulty in the NT.

Course outcomes

By successfully completing this course, you should be able to do the following:

- Confidently and competently translate any portion of the NT
- Appreciate current trends in the study of NT Greek and understand frequently used linguistic terms
- Be familiar with the standard advanced tools of Greek research: grammars, concordances, and dictionaries, and be able to use them effectively
- Be able to prepare a strong exegetical foundation for any Bible studies or sermons that you will give in the future
- Be prepared to pass the Greek portion of an ordination exam

Required texts

The following are the required texts for the course:

- Greek NT: either UBS 4th ed., or Nestle-Aland 27th ed.
- Bruce M. Metzger, *Lexical Aids for Students of New Testament Greek*
- David Alan Black, *Linguistics for Students of New Testament Greek*

The following are strongly recommended as being obtained, if the student does not already have them:

- Walter Bauer, Frederick W. Danker, William F. Arndt, F. Wilbur Gingrich, *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*, 3rd ed. (BDAG)
- Bruce M. Metzger, *A Textual Commentary on the Greek New Testament* (2nd ed. matches UBS 4th ed.)

The readings for the course are due on the dates indicated below. Class discussion will assume that the student has read the assignment for that day.

Vocabulary quizzes

Each week there will be a quiz on Greek vocabulary. The words may be Greek to English, or English to Greek. The quizzes will review words previously learned, but will concentrate on the new words for that quiz.

Translation

The translation of the four chapters from the NT is to be done in the format described in class. The translation will be checked at the beginning of class. You will be expected to read the Greek and to translate orally in class the assigned portion, without constant reference to his written translation.

Testing

The midterm and final examinations will cover the translated material. You will be expected to translate passages without the use of a lexicon. A sheet with uncommon words and brief definitions (fewer than 10 occurrences in the NT) will be provided.

Research tools assignment

For this assignment you should spend about an hour with the particular book or books, reading the table of contents and introductions, examining the indices and entries, and sampling the contents. Your goal should be to understand the work so as to be able to use it effectively while studying a passage of the Greek NT. The assignment may be done in any order.

- 1) Walter Bauer, Frederick W. Danker, William F. Arndt, F. Wilbur Gingrich, *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*, 3rd ed. (BDAG)
- 2) Henry George Liddell and Robert Scott, *A Greek-English Lexicon*
- 3) Gerhard Kittel, ed., Geoffrey W. Bromiley, transl. and ed., *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*, 10 vol. (TDNT)
- 4) James Hope Moulton and George Milligan, *The Vocabulary of the Greek Testament, Illustrated from the Papyri and Other Non-literary Sources*
- 5) W. F. Moulton and A. S. Geden, *A Concordance to the Greek Testament, According to the Texts of Westcott and Hort, Tischendorf and the English Revisers*
- 6) Edwin Hatch and Henry A. Redpath, *A Concordance to the Septuagint and the Other Greek Versions of the Old Testament*, 3 vol., published in 2 vol.
- 7) A. T. Robertson, *A Grammar of the Greek New Testament in the Light of Historical Research*
- 8) F. Blass, A. Debrunner, and Robert W. Funk, *A Greek Grammar of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature* (BDF)
- 9) James Hope Moulton, Wilbert Francis Howard, and Nigel Turner, *A Grammar of New Testament Greek*, 4 vol.

Grading

The final grade for the course will be based on the following:

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| • Vocabulary quizzes | 20% |
| • NT translations and recitation | 25% |
| • Research tools assignments | 5% |
| • Required reading | 10% |
| • Midterm examination | 20% |

- Final examination 20%

Course schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Translation</u>	<u>Vocabulary Quiz</u>	<u>Reading & Tools</u>
Jan. 24	Introduction to Course		
31	Acts 20:1-12 Quizzes 1 (151 & over) & 2 (81 & over) Tool 1		
Feb. 7	Acts 20:13-24 Quizzes 3 (61 & over) & 4 (50 & over) Black, ix-22 Tool 2		
14	Acts 20:25-38 Quiz 5 (46 & over) Tool 3		
21	Romans 8:1-11 Quiz 6 (42 & over) Tool 4		
28	Romans 8:12-25 Quiz 7 (38 & over) Black, 23-52 Tool 5		
Mar. 7	Romans 8:26-39 Quiz 8 (34 & over) Black, 53-95 Tool 6		
14	Midterm Exam		
21	Hebrews 7:1-14 Quiz 9 (32 & over) Tool 7		
28	(Spring Recess; no class)		

Apr.	4	Hebrews 7:15-28 Quiz 10 (30 & over) Black, 96-119 Tool 8
	11	1 Peter 1:1-12 Quiz 11 (28 & over) Tool 9
	18	(G. W. Presbytery; no class)
	25	1 Peter 1:13-25 Quiz 12 (26 & over) Black, 120-142
	28	Quiz 13 (25 & over) Black, 143-198
May	2	(Extra class if needed)
	9	Final Exam