

#202 Basic Greek 2
Western Reformed Seminary
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Pastoral Mentorship Program
Academic Year 2015-2016

COURSE INFORMATION

Course goals

Basic Greek 2 is designed to cover the second half of the Basic Greek curriculum. You will complete your study of the basic Greek primer. In addition you will translate the book of 1 John in the New Testament. Vocabulary study will progress with the learning of words that occur 100 or more times in the NT. You also will become familiar with the basic tools used to translate the New Testament.

Since the learning of NT Greek is not primarily a lecture course, but requires long study built on previous study, there will be no concentrated sessions at the end of the year. Rather, you will be working with the instructor on a regular basis during the entire year. After each exercise is completed, the instructor may wish to go over your work with you. Please contact the instructor if you have any question about your work. Here is the contact information:

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Required Books

- J. Gresham Machen, *New Testament Greek for Beginners* (2nd edition; revised by Dan G. McCartney)
- *The Greek New Testament*, 4th Revised Edition, United Bible Societies
- *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*, 3rd Edition, Walter Bauer, Frederick William Danker, William F. Arndt, F. Wilbur Gingrich (BDAG)
- Bruce M. Metzger, *Lexical Aids for Students of New Testament Greek*, 3rd Edition

Recommended Books

These are in addition to the required books listed above.

- *Novum Testamentum Graece* (Nestle-Aland), 28th Edition, Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft
- Bruce M. Metzger, *A Textual Commentary on the Greek New Testament*, 2nd Edition.
- Clinton Morrison and David H. Barnes, *New Testament Word Lists for Rapid Reading of the Greek Testament*

Textbook assignments

The textbook for this class is J. Gresham Machen, *New Testament Greek for Beginners*. This semester we will be completing the book, Lessons 21-33.

Read each lesson carefully, writing down the various forms and rules as they are presented; this can be organized into your own elementary Greek grammar, which you will consult often.

At the end of each lesson there are written exercise. Please do these completely—both the Greek to English and English to Greek sentences. These are to be sent to the instructor as they are done, to be checked and corrected. They may be sent by surface mail, or a digital copy may be emailed. Please seek to keep up with the dates on the Assignment Schedule. All the exercises for each lesson must be completed before the quiz for that lesson is taken.

Translation assignments

After completing the grammar the class will translate 1 John from Greek into English. The translation has been divided into various assignments, which are to be sent in when completed. The due dates for the various assignments are on the Assignment Schedule sheet. The format for the translations is to be as follows: draw a line vertically down the center of the page. Write your English translation on the left side of the line. On the right side of the line write down any Greek words or forms that you needed to look up, along with the definition; write this on the page as close as possible to its translation. Do not write all the Greek forms or words, only those you needed to look up.

Quizzes

At the end of each lesson in Machen you will take a quiz. For vocabulary, English definitions will be given, and you are to write the appropriate Greek word. Each quiz will be cumulative, including review from previous lessons. Quizzes also will include grammatical material from the current and previous lessons. Because of the inclusive nature of these quizzes, no additional tests will be given this semester.

After the book is completed, regular vocabulary quizzes will be conducted. Vocabulary will be taken from the various categories of usage in Metzger's *Lexical Aids for Students of New Testament Greek*. These quizzes will be cumulative, with emphasis falling on the latest category covered.

It is recommended that you buy or make vocabulary cards, with Greek on one side and English on the other. These are very helpful in learning and reviewing vocabulary. Also, be sure you are able to write the word in Greek, correctly spelled and accented.

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Grading

Your final grade will be based on these results:

- Assignments 55%
- Quizzes 45%

Suggested weekly assignment schedule

<u>Week #</u>				
Sept.	1		4	(Christmas recess)
	2	Machen 21	Jan.	1 (Christmas recess)
	3	Quiz 21		2 Machen 28
	4	Machen 22		3 Quiz 28
Oct.	1	Quiz 22		4 Machen 29
	2	Machen 23	Feb.	1 Quiz 29
	3	Quiz 23		2 Machen 30
	4	Machen 24		3 Quiz 30
Nov.	1	Quiz 24		4 Machen 31
	2	Machen 25	Mar.	1 Quiz 31
	3	Quiz 25		2 Machen 32
	4	Machen 26		3 Quiz 32
Dec.	1	Quiz 26		4 Machen 33
	2	Machen 27	Apr.	1 Quiz 33
	3	Quiz 27		2 1 John 1:1-10;

		Quiz on words 500+
	3	1 John 2:1-17;
		Quiz on words 200+
	4	1 John 2:18 – 3:3
		Quiz on words 150+
May	1	1 John 3:4-24
	2	Quiz on words 120+
	3	1 John 4:1-21
	4	Quiz on words 100+
June	1	1 John 5:1-21