

#221 Intermediate Greek
Western Reformed Seminary
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COURSE INFORMATION

Course objectives

In this course, through lectures, discussion, and reading, you will work through an intermediate level Greek grammar, reviewing and expanding the knowledge gained in Basic Greek. You will review and memorize the spelling and meaning of all the words occurring 50 times or more in the NT (293 words, of which 160 occur more than 100 times). You will study the science and practice of NT textual criticism, so as to profitably use the critical apparatus of the printed Greek NT. And you will translate and be familiar with the Greek text of two chapters of the NT.

Course outcomes

Successful completion of this course will enable you to take Advanced Greek in the next term. You will be able to understand and evaluate the footnotes of printed Greek testaments where there are different readings in the manuscripts. You will be able to translate confidently most of the NT. You will be able to grammatically analyze the Greek sentences and paragraphs, extracting the meaning from the text. You will be able to teach or preach from the Greek text of the NT with confidence and authority.

Required readings

The following are the required texts for the course:

- Greek NT: either UBS 5th ed., or Nestle-Aland 28th ed.
- Daniel B. Wallace, *Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics*
- Bruce M. Metzger, *The Text of the New Testament* (4th ed.; 3rd ed. is OK)
- Bruce M. Metzger, *Lexical Aids for Students of New Testament Greek*

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

- *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature* (BDAG), rev. and ed. by Frederick W. Danker (based on the 6th German ed. of Walter Bauer's lexicon, and on previous English editions by William F. Arndt and F. Wilbur Gingrich)
- Bruce M. Metzger, *Textual Commentary on the Greek New Testament*, 2nd ed.

The readings for the course are due on the dates indicated below. There will be tests covering the reading of Metzger, *The Text of the NT*, and of Wallace, *Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics*, as explained in class discussion.

Vocabulary quizzes

There will be a series of quizzes on Greek vocabulary, arranged by frequency in Metzger, *Lexical Aids*. The words will be English to Greek. The quizzes will review words previously learned, but will concentrate on the new words for that quiz. These quizzes will be taken weekly according to the schedule below. To save class time, the quizzes are to be taken with Prof. Lensch prior to the class each week, at a time of his convenience.

Translation

The translation of the two chapters from the NT is to be done in the format described. The student will be expected to be able to read the Greek and to translate orally the assigned portion, with minimum reference to his written translation. There will be a test on each of the two translations during the semester; the student will be able to use a vocabulary list of uncommon words for each test.

Grading

Grading will be according to the following scale. The NT translations will be evaluated on the basis of their having been completed, and on their quality. Late assignments or quizzes will be given half credit.

NT translations	20%
Reading assignments	15%
Vocabulary quizzes	15%
Mark 11 test	15%
John 9 test	15%
Grammar test	10%
Metzger test	10%

Class schedule

- Sept. 5 Introduction to the course
- 12 Vocabulary quizzes #1-2 (over 500, and over 200, through θέλω)
Translate Mark 11:1-18
Read Metzger, ch. 1 (chapter numbers based on 4th ed.)
Read Wallace 12-35
- 19 Vocabulary quizzes #3-4 (over 200, and over 150, through κόσμος)
Read Metzger, ch. 2, part 1 (Greek MSS)
Read Wallace 36-107
- 26 (G. W. Presbytery meeting – no class)
Read Metzger, ch. 2, parts 2-3 (Versions & Patristic Citations)
Read Wallace 107-161
- Oct. 3 (JB in South Carolina – take quiz with Prof. Lensch)
Vocabulary quiz #5 (over 150)
Read Metzger, ch. 3
Read Wallace 161-224
- 10 Vocabulary quiz #6 (over 120)
Translate Mark 11:19-33
Read Wallace 225-290
- 17 Vocabulary quiz #7 (over 100, through μένω)
Read Metzger, ch. 4
Test on Mark 11
Read Wallace 291-354
- 24 Vocabulary quiz #8 (over 100)
Read Metzger, ch. 5-6
Read Wallace 355-414
- 31 Vocabulary quiz #9 (over 90)
Translate John 9:1-21
Read Metzger, ch. 7
Read Wallace 414-480
- Nov. 7 Vocabulary quiz #10 (over 80)
Read Metzger, ch. 8
Read Wallace 480-539
- 14 Vocabulary quiz #11 (over 70)
Translate John 9:22-41

Read Wallace 540-603

- 21 Vocabulary quiz #12 (over 60)
Read Metzger, ch. 9
Read Wallace 603-665
- 28 (Thanksgiving recess)
- Dec. 5 Vocabulary quiz #13 (over 55)
Test on John 9
Read Wallace 666-725
- 12 Vocabulary quiz #14 (over 50)
Test on grammar
Test on Metzger