

ADVANCE Ministry Preparation

Sponsored by Gateway Seminary

CLS 1411 Introduction to Biblical Greek I – 3 Hours

Fall 2022

English-based Instruction

Monday 7:30-9:30PM PST Zoom-based Class Meeting

9/5/2022-12/12/2022 (15 sessions)

10 hours of additional online video/interactive learning

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This class ordinarily meets for fifteen weeks for periods of two hours and fifty minutes including two 10-minute breaks. However, centers can choose to schedule this classes and times that work best for your ministry context as long as you meet the 45 hours of seat time required for this course.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Part one of a two-semester introduction to the Koine Greek language designed to develop reading ability and to serve as a foundation for exegetical study of the Greek New Testament. The first semester focuses on the rudiments of Greek and beginning translation and vocalization.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon the successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Pronounce Greek words and read Greek sentences with reasonable fluency.
2. Understand and demonstrate basic knowledge of Greek grammar.
3. Understand basic principles of syntax in readiness for second semester work.
4. Demonstrate mastery of basic Greek vocabulary.
5. Appreciate the need for ongoing study of the Greek New Testament.

REQUIRED RESOURCES

Mounce, William. *Basics of Biblical Greek Grammar*. 4th edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2019. (Available as a Logos book or in hard copy.)

Mounce, William. *Basics of Biblical Greek Workbook*. 4th edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2019. (Available as a Logos book or in hard copy.)

* The Zondervan+ language textbooks have online resources for Instructors and Students. Simply sign up for an account to have access to many useful resources, such as slides, quizzes, workbook answers, and much more. (<https://zondervanacademic.com/>)

** Additional info and Greek helps can be found on the website BillMounce.com.

*** Also, the 3rd editions can be found for much cheaper but may affect course schedule/assignments.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

Aland, Barbara, et al., ed. *The Greek New Testament*. 5th edition. UBS: 2014. (UBS⁵)

* Available as a Logos book or in hard copy.

Bauer, Walter. *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*. Edited by William Danker, William F. Arndt, and F. W. Gingrich. 3rd ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000. (BDAG)

Louw, J. P, and Eugene A. Nida, eds. *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament: Based on Semantic Domains*. 2nd ed. New York: United Bible Societies, 1989.

Mounce, William. *Biblical Greek: Laminated sheet*. Zondervan: 2009. (A helpful quick reference for Greek grammar).

LOGOS Bible Software. (This software is a helpful research tool for biblical languages and exegesis. Ensure Greek text is included. Students are eligible for a discount upon request – advance@gs.edu.)

Gateway Library Online: library.gs.edu has a number of online lexicons, commentaries, and language resources (use eBooks tab and/or Research Guides link)

Other Online Biblical Language Study Resources:

<https://biblehub.com/> (lexicon, interlinear, concordance)

<https://www.scripturedirect.com/index.php> (interlinear)

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/> (lexicon, interlinear, commentary)

<https://www.biblegateway.com/> (SBLGNT text)

<http://stephanus.tlg.uci.edu/> (Greek lexicon, sources)

GRADING AND ASSIGNMENTS

Over the course of the semester, the following evaluation exercises will be used to determine the level of mastery of course context achieved by each class participant:

1. ***Class attendance and participation*** (20%)

This will be in large and small group activities, essential to the learning process. Both the participation of the student on each class day and the degree to which the student has completed assignments in preparation for class will be factored into the participation grade. An absence results in a participation grade of zero for that day. The two lowest participation grades will be dropped.

2. **Workbook Exercises** (40%)
 Workbook assignments will be given each week. They will be worked on in small groups, in class, and finalized individually as home study exercises. Answers to the *Workbook* exercises are available online at BillMounce.com or zondervanacademic.com. These exercises will be graded for completion, not for accuracy.

3. **Weekly quizzes** (20%)
 A quiz will be given at the beginning of each class as noted in the schedule below. Quizzes will focus on material introduced in the *Grammar* chapters assigned for the previous week including the vocabulary list toward the end of each chapter. The two lowest quiz grades will be dropped.

4. **Final exam** (20%)
 There will be a final exam administered as noted in the schedule below. The final exam will be a comprehensive exam, focusing on the material presented in the *Grammar* textbook and in the class lectures and discussion throughout the semester. [Alternatively, instructors may assign practical assignment or presentation, depending on contextual needs.]

Semester Grades

<i>Participation</i>	20%
<i>Workbook</i>	40%
<i>Quizzes</i>	20%
<i>Final</i>	20%
<hr/> <i>Total</i>	100%

GRADING SCALE

A 94-100	B+ 87-89	C+ 77-79	D 65-69
A- 90-93	B 83-86	C 73-76	F 0-64
	B- 80-82	C- 70-72	

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week	Lectures/Assignments
1 (9/5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the course • Introduce value of biblical languages in ministry • Introduce software and tools for using biblical Greek • Introduction of material in <i>Grammar</i>, Chs. 1-2 • Work on <i>Workbook</i> in class
2 (9/12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz on <i>Grammar</i> 1-2 • Introduction of material in <i>Grammar</i>, Chs. 3-4 • Work on Exercises in <i>Workbook</i> in class

3 (9/19)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz on <i>Grammar</i> 3-4 • Introduction of material in <i>Grammar</i>, Chs. 5-6 • Work on Exercises in <i>Workbook</i> in class
4 (9/26)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz on <i>Grammar</i> and vocab. 5-6 • Introduction of material in <i>Grammar</i>, Ch. 7 • Work on Exercises in <i>Workbook</i> in class
5 (10/3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz on <i>Grammar</i> and vocab. 7 • Introduction of material in <i>Grammar</i>, Ch. 8 • Work on Exercises in <i>Workbook</i> in class
6 (10/10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz on <i>Grammar</i> and vocab. 8 • Introduction of material in <i>Grammar</i>, Ch. 9 • Work on Exercises in <i>Workbook</i> in class
7 (10/17)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz on <i>Grammar</i> and vocab. 9 • Introduction of material in <i>Grammar</i>, Ch. 10 • Work on Exercises in <i>Workbook</i> in class
8 (10/24)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz on <i>Grammar</i> and vocab. 10 • Introduction of material in <i>Grammar</i>, Chs. 11-12 • Work on Exercises in <i>Workbook</i> in class
9 (10/31)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz on <i>Grammar</i> and vocab. 11-12 • Introduction of material in <i>Grammar</i>, Ch. 13 • Work on Exercises in <i>Workbook</i> in class
10 (11/7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz on <i>Grammar</i> and vocab. 13 • Introduction of material in <i>Grammar</i>, Ch. 14 • Work on Exercises in <i>Workbook</i> in class
11 (11/14)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz on <i>Grammar</i> and vocab. 14 • Introduction of material in <i>Grammar</i>, Chs. 15-16 • Work on Exercises in <i>Workbook</i> in class
12 (11/21)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz on <i>Grammar</i> and vocab. 15-16 • Introduction of material in <i>Grammar</i>, Ch. 17 • Work on Exercises in <i>Workbook</i> in class
13 (11/28)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz on <i>Grammar</i> and vocab. 17 • Introduction of material in <i>Grammar</i>, Ch. 18 • Work on Exercises in <i>Workbook</i> in class
14 (12/5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz on <i>Grammar</i> and vocab. 18 • Review and Preview for Final Exam
15 (12/12)	Final exam

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Bibliographical Guides

Carson, D.A. *New Testament Commentary Survey*. 7th ed. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2013.

Fitzmyer, Joseph A. *An Introductory Bibliography for the Study of Scripture*. 3rd ed. Rome: Pontifical Biblical Institute, 1981.

France, R.T. *A Bibliographical Guide to New Testament Research*. 3rd ed. Sheffield, England: JSOT Press, 1979.

Hort, Erasmus. *The Bible Book: Resources for Reading the New Testament*. New York: Crossroad, 1983.

Scholer, David M. *A Basic Bibliographic Guide for New Testament Exegesis*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1973.

Exegetical Method

Blomberg, Craig L and Jennifer Foutz Markley. *A Handbook of New Testament Exegesis*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2010.

Erickson, Richard J. *A Beginner's Guide to New Testament Exegesis. Taking the Fear out of the Critical Method*. Downers Grove: IVP, 2005.

Köstenberger, Andreas J. and Richard D. Patterson. *For the Love of God's Word: An Introduction to Biblical Interpretation*. Abridged and revised ed. Grand Rapids: Kregel Academic, 2015.

Rogers, Cleon L. and Fritz Rienecker. *The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament*. Rev. ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1998.

Vlachos, Chris A. *Exegetical Guide to the Greek New Testament: James*. Nashville: B&H Academic, 2013.

Zerwick, Max. *A Grammatical Analysis of the Greek New Testament*. 5th ed. Rome: Pontifical Biblical Institute, 1996.

Grammars

Black, David Alan. *It's Still Greek to Me: An Easy to Understand Guide to Intermediate Greek*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1998.

Blass, Friedrich and Albert DeBrunner. *A Greek Grammar of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*. Translated and revised by Robert W. Funk. Chicago: University of Chicago, 1961.

Easley, Kendell H. *User-Friendly Greek: A Common Sense Approach to the Greek New Testament*. Nashville: B&H, 1994.

Levinsohn, Stephen H. *Discourse Features of New Testament Greek: A Coursebook on the Information Structure of New Testament Greek*. 2nd ed. Dallas: SIL International, 2000.

Moule, C. F. D. *An Idiom Book of New Testament Greek*. 2nd ed. Cambridge: University Press, 1959.

Nida, Eugene A. and J.P. Louw. *Lexical Semantics of the Greek New Testament*. SBL Resources for Biblical Studies, edited by David E. Aune. Atlanta, Georgia: Scholars Press, 1992.

Robertson, A. T. *Grammar of the Greek New Testament in the Light of Historical Research*. 4th ed. Nashville: Broadman Press, 1934.

Runge, Steven E. *Discourse Grammar of the Greek New Testament: A Practical Introduction for Teaching and Exegesis*, Bellingham: Lexham, 2010.

Wallace, Daniel B. *Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996.

Improving Your Greek

Constantine Campbell. *Keep Your Greek: Strategies for Busy People*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2014.

Mounce, William. *Biblical Greek: A Compact Guide*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2011.

Lamerson, Samuel. *English Grammar to Ace New Testament Greek*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2004.

Strauss, Mark L. *The Biblical Greek Companion for Bible Software Users*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2016.

Textual Criticism

Bruce, F.F. *The New Testament Documents Are They Reliable?* 6th ed. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003.

Barr, James. *The Semantics of Biblical Language*. London: Oxford University Press, 1961.

Comfort, Philip Wesley. *Encountering the Manuscripts*. Nashville: B&H, 2005.

Comfort, Philip Wesley and David P. Barrett. *The Text of the Earliest New Testament Greek Manuscripts*. Nashville: B&H, 2001.

Epp, Eldon Jay, and Gordon D Fee. *Studies in the Theory and Method of New Testament Textual Criticism*. Studies and Documents, vol. 45. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1993.

Greenlee, J. Harold. *An Introduction to New Testament Textual Criticism*. 2nd ed. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1995.

Metzger, B.M. *The Text of the New Testament: Its Transmission, Corruption and Restoration*. Second Edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1968.

Metzger, Bruce M. *A Textual Commentary on the New Testament*. 2nd ed. London: United Bible Societies, 1994.

Lexicons and Dictionaries

Bauer, Walter. *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*. Edited by William Danker, William F. Arndt, and F. W. Gingrich. 3rd ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000.

Liddell, Henry and Robert Scott. *A Greek-English Lexicon*. 9th ed. Revised by Henry Jones. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1968.

Louw, Johannes P. and Eugene A. Nida, eds. *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament: Based on Semantic Domains*, 2 vols. 2nd ed. New York: United Bible Societies, 1989.

Mounce, William D. *Analytical Lexicon to the Greek New Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1992.

Lexical Aids and Guides

Black, David Alan. *Linguistics for Students of New Testament Greek: A Survey of Basic Concepts and Applications*. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1988.

Metzger, Bruce M. *Lexical Aids for Students of New Testament Greek*. 3rd ed. Edinburgh: T&T Clark, 1990.

Mounce, William D. *The Morphology of Biblical Greek*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994.

Rogers, Cleon L. Jr. and Cleon L. Rogers III. *The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1998.

Trenchard, Warren C. *The Student's Complete Vocabulary Guide to the Greek New Testament*. Rev. ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1998.

Zerwick, Maximillian and Mary Grosvenor. *A Grammatical Analysis of the Greek New Testament*. Rome: Biblical Institute Press, 1979.

Theological Dictionaries

Balz, Horst and Gerhard Schneider, eds. *Exegetical Dictionary of the New Testament*, 3 vols. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990,1993.

Brown, Colin, ed. *New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology*, 4 vols. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1976-1984.

Kittel, Gerhard and Gerhard Friedrich, eds. *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*, 10 vols. Translated by G. W. Bromiley. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1964-76.

Silva, Moisés. *Biblical Words and Their Meaning. An Introduction to Lexical Semantics*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1995.

Silva, Moisés, ed. *The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology and Exegesis*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2014.

Spicq, Ceslas. *Theological Lexicon of the New Testament*. Translated and edited by James D. Ernest. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1994.