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NT 501 Comprehensive Greek I

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NT501 – Comprehensive Greek 1 – (3 hours)

Fall 2002

T, R // 9:30 – 10:45AM

Enrollment Limit: 40

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*Please note that this syllabus is subject to revision by the professor.
This syllabus will also serve as the syllabus for NT502.*

Greetings! Welcome to the wonderful and exciting world of New Testament Greek! You are about to enter into an endeavor that I pray will pay rich dividends for the rest of your life. I look forward to sharing in the journey with you as we learn the language that I so dearly love.

Course Description

The first of a two-course sequence designed to introduce all aspects of New Testament Greek – e.g., noun declension, the verb system, grammar, syntax, and structure. Persons successfully completing NT501 and NT502 should be able to work comfortably with the *basic* Greek of the New Testament.

Course Objectives

After the successful completion of this course the student will:

- (1) Possess a working vocabulary of words that occur 50 times or more in the GNT,
- (2) Be able to parse nouns and verbs used 50 times or more in the GNT,
- (3) Be able to understand Greek *phonology*, *morphology* (which is the study and description of word formation including inflection, derivation, and compounding), and *syntax* (word order, thought flow, and sentence structure),
- (4) Be equipped to translate passages from the GNT,
- (5) Be able to identify and label selected syntactical relationships between words,
- (6) Possess a rudimentary knowledge of Greek tools, resources and linguistics in so far as these impinge upon the study of the New Testament,
- (7) Be prepared to take intermediate Greek courses.

Course Requirements and Evaluation Percentages

(1) *Class Preparation, Attendance, and Participation:* As with any language course, diligent preparation, regular attendance and full participation in class is imperative. Students should expect to spend 2-3 hours outside of class in study and preparation for each hour in class. Students will learn Greek grammar and vocabulary most effectively through daily study and constant review – **10% of Final Grade.**

(2) *Exercises & Worksheets*: Students will receive the opportunity to practice and develop their Greek skills through practice exercises in the textbook and worksheet handouts – **15% of Final Grade**.

(3) *Quizzes*: Students will have the opportunity to display growing competencies in grammar, translation and vocabulary by means of periodic quizzes. Each student is responsible for learning all the Greek words that occur 50 times or more in the New Testament. Students will accomplish this by learning the vocabulary lists found in Black, *Learn to Read New Testament Greek*. – **25% of Final Grade**.

(4) *Examinations*: Students will receive the opportunity to display their skills with the Greek language through a midterm and a final examination. The exams will test students on points of grammar, the parsing of verbs, the identification of grammatical constructions, and translation – **50% of Final Grade (20% Midterm; 30% Final)**.

Class Policies and Suggestions

(1) *Late Work*: Late work, as a rule, is not an option except under the direst of situations. Students should turn in assignments and take quizzes/tests on the dates specified. If for some reason this is impossible, students should notify the instructor in advance.

(2) *Absence Policy*: Attendance at every class is essential. Nonetheless, the student may miss *three classes*, without penalty, provided: 1) that the instructor is notified *in advance*, 2) any homework due that day is completed in a timely fashion, 3) all reading for the day missed is completed and 4) arrangements are made with the instructor to make up missed quizzes or other assignments. Students who miss additional days (beyond the third) will lose a letter grade per day (e.g., 3rd day missed A- → B+).

(3) *Questions*: In language study it is normal for students to have gaps in their understanding of new material. Please ask questions when you do not understand some feature we are studying. Usually many other students have the same question. Due to the large amount of content to be covered and the complexity of particular questions, some questions may need to be either deferred or addressed outside of class time.

(4) *Group Study*: Language is retained and clarified through use and interaction. Feel free to study with other students and help each other with the exercises. However, be careful to not become dependent on other students. Do your own work.

Required Texts

Bauer, et al. *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*. 3rd rev. ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. 2000.

Black, David Alan. *It's Still Greek to Me*. Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1998.

Black, David Alan. *Learning to Read New Testament Greek*, rev. ed. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 1994.

Nestle-Aland, *Novum Testamentum Graece*, 27th ed.

Recommended Texts

Trenchard, Warren C. *Student's Complete Vocabulary Guide to the Greek New Testament*, rev. ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1992. **[On Reserve at Library]**

Wallace, Daniel. *The Basics of New Testament Syntax*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2000. **[On Reserve at Library]**

OR

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

Recommended Software

Greek Helper v.2.0 copyright 2000 by Jeff Kodis (email: jeff_kodis@asburyseminary.edu)

Course Schedule

Date	Subjects	Chapter Readings from Black	Quizzes / Exams	Homework / Assignments
9/3	Introduction. Syllabus. Alphabet. Vowels. Diphthongs	<i>LRNTG</i> , 1 <i>ISGM</i> , 1		Learn alphabet
9/5	Breathings. Accents. Punctuation. Pronunciation. Writing. <i>Distribute Alphabet Quiz</i>	<i>LRNTG</i> , 2 <i>ISGM</i> , 2 & 14		#11.a.b.c.d.
9/10	The Greek Language. Lexical Sense. Introduction to BDAG. Greek Tense Overview.	<i>LRNTG</i> , 3	Alphabet Quiz Due.	TBA
9/12	Voice, Mood, Person, Number. Primary Active Suffixes. Present & Future stems. Amalgamation. Parsing. $\epsilon\iota\nu\mu\iota$, . Negatives. <i>Distribute Ch. 3 Quiz</i> .	<i>ISGM</i> , 8 & 9		#27.a.b.c.
9/17	Review Exercises. Tenses. Practice Parsing and Translating.	<i>LRNTG</i> , 4	Chapter 3 Quiz Due.	
9/19	Parts of Speech. Identification of Grammatical Functions. Greek Cases. 2 nd Declension Nouns. Definite Article. Complements. Conjunctions. Word Order	<i>ISGM</i> , 3 & 6		#37.c.
9/24	Review Exercises. Cases & Cotext. Practice Parsing and Translating. <i>Distribute Chps 3 & 4 Quiz</i>	<i>LRNTG</i> , 5		
9/26	1 st Declension Nouns. Prepositions.	<i>ISGM</i> , 7	Chapters 3 & 4 Quiz Due	#42.c.
10/1	Review Exercises. Parsing Practice. <i>Distribute Ch. 5 Quiz</i> .	<i>LRNTG</i> , 6		
10/3	1 st and 2 nd Declension Adjectives. Uses of Adjectives.	<i>ISGM</i> , 4	Chapter 5 Quiz Due	#47.c.

10/8	Review Exercises. Parsing Practice. <i>Distribute Ch. 6 Quiz.</i>	<i>LRNTG, 7</i>		
10/10	Imperfect & Aorist Active Indicative.	<i>ISGM, 9</i>	Chapter 6 Quiz Due	#57.c.
10/15	Review Exercises. <i>Distribute Ch. 7 Quiz.</i>	<i>LRNTG, 8</i>		
10/17	Additional Prepositions. Prep for Midterm.	<i>ISGM, 7</i>	Chapter 7 Quiz Due	#63.c.
10/22	Review Exercises. Review for Midterm. <i>Distribute Midterm.</i>	<i>LRNTG, 9</i>		
10/24	Questions From Midterm. Personal Pronouns. Special Use of <i>αὐτο, ἡ</i> .	<i>ISGM, 5</i>	Midterm due	#69.c.
10/29	Review Midterm Exam. Review Exercises. <i>Distribute Ch. 9 Quiz.</i>	<i>LRNTG, 10</i>		
10/31	Principle Parts. Perfect and Pluperfect Active Indicative.	Review <i>ISGM, 9</i>	Chapter 9 Quiz Due	#76.c.
11/5	Review Exercises. Parsing and Translation Practice. <i>Distribute Ch. 10 Quiz.</i>	<i>LRNTG, 11</i>		
11/7	Demonstrative Pronouns. Uses of Demonstrative Pronouns. Parsing and Translation Practice.	<i>ISGM, 5</i>	Chapter 10 Quiz Due	#80.c.
11/12	Review Exercises. Translation Practice. <i>Distribute Ch. 11 Quiz.</i>	<i>LRNTG, 12 & 13</i>		
11/14	Review Voice. Primary Middle Suffixes. Present, Future Middle and Passive. Agency. Deponent Verbs. Future Indicative of <i>εἰμί, ἔστω</i> . <i>Introduce Word Study Project.</i>	<i>ISGM, 12</i>	Chapter 11 Quiz Due	#86.c. & 93.c.
11/19	Review Exercises. Translation Practice. <i>Distribute Chps. 12 & 13 Quiz.</i>	<i>LRNTG, 14 & 15</i>		
11/21	Imperfect Middle/Passive, Aorist Middle, Pluperfect Middle/Passive, Aorist and Future Passive Indicative. Parsing and Translation Practice.		Chapters 12 & 13 Quiz Due	#98.c. & 105.c.
Reading Week				
12/3	Review Exercises. Translation Practice. Prep for Final Exam. <i>Distribute Chps. 14 & 15 Quiz.</i>			
12/5	Review for Final Exam.		Chaps 14 &	Word Study

			15 Quiz Due	Project Due.
Finals	Final Exam: Tuesday, December 10 th 9AM-11AM			