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## NT 601 Intermediate Greek I

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**Asbury Theological Seminary  
Department of New Testament**

**Intermediate Greek Grammar I  
NT 601**

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**I. General Description**

Assuming that people learn to read Greek by reading Greek, rather than reading about Greek, this course fosters competency in New Testament Greek beyond the introductory phase through translation and analysis of significant portions of Luke-Acts. (Prerequisites: NT 501 and 502 or equivalent.)

**II. Course Objectives**

By the end of the course the student will:

A. Be able to sight-read, with relative ease, various portions of the Greek text of Luke-Acts. This involves the ability to recognize every word that occurs more than 25 times in the Greek New Testament, and the ability to parse on sight all words except those that represent the most unusual grammatical forms;

B. Be able to identify the possible linguistic functions of the various grammatical phenomena of New Testament Greek, e.g., the several possible functions of the aorist tense (ingressive, consummative, etc.) or the dative case (dative of advantage, dative of possession, etc.), and discuss the process whereby one decides which of these possible functions is most likely in a given passage and explain the exegetical significance of such determinations;

C. Be able to describe the exegetical value of an examination into the textual variants in the manuscript tradition, both as a means for establishing the “original wording” of a passage and as a significant component in the history of interpretation, and thus a heuristic device which can, on occasion, suggest interpretive and theological issues in a passage that might otherwise be missed;

D. Be able to describe the major types of clauses found in the Greek New Testament, identify these various types of clauses in specific passages in the text of Luke-

Acts, and explain the exegetical significance of this analysis of clauses;

E. Be able to diagram complex Greek sentences;

F. Be able to cite specific examples of the ways in which a knowledge of the Greek text can illumine or clarify the structure of a New Testament passage;

G. Experience a basic sense of confidence and comfort in reading the Greek New Testament, leading to a determination to continue regular reading of the Greek New Testament for both personal and professional enrichment.

**III. Course Texts**

A. Required

1. *The Greek New Testament* (UBS 4 or N.A. 27)
2. *Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics*, by Daniel B. Wallace; or  
*The Basics of New Testament Syntax*, by Daniel B. Wallace.
3. *A Textual Commentary on the Greek New Testament*, by Bruce M. Metzger

B. Collateral

1. *A Reader's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*, by Sakae Kubo
2. *The New Analytical Greek Lexicon*, ed. by Wesley J. Perschbacher

**IV. Course Requirements**

A. Punctual attendance at all class sessions. Absences in excess of two sessions will result in final grade penalty, and absences in excess of three will result in loss of credit for the course. Students who must be absent due to emergency situations can negotiate make-up work with the instructor.

B. Responsible participation at each class session, which includes especially presentation of the student's own accurate translations of the assigned passages and discussion of salient grammatical points in these assigned passages.

C. Satisfactory performance on the mid-term and final examinations based on the objectives of the course.

**V. Course Evaluation**

Class participation	-	25%
Mid-term exam	-	25%
Final exam	-	50%

**VI. Tentative Course Schedule**

1. September 5	Orientation
2. September 7	Portion of Luke 1
3. September 12	Portion of Luke 2
4. September 14	Portion of Luke 3
5. September 19	Portion of Luke 4

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6. September 21	Portion of Luke 5
7. September 26	Portion of Luke 6
8. September 28	Portion of Luke 7
9. October 3	Portion of Luke 8
10. October 5	Portion of Luke 9
11. October 10	Portion of Luke 11
12. October 12	Portion of Luke 12
13. October 17	Mid-term exam: In-class translation, diagramming, and select grammatical analysis of short passage in Luke 14
14. October 19	Portion of Luke 15
15. October 24	Portion of Luke 16
16. October 26	Portion of Luke 18
17. October 31	Portion of Luke 19
18. November 2	Portion of Luke 21
19. November 7	Portion of Luke 22
20. November 9	Portion of Luke 23
21. November 14	Portion of Luke 24
22. November 16	Portion of Acts 1
23. November 28	Portion of Acts 2
24. November 30	Portion of Acts 10
25. December 5	Portion of Acts 13
26. December 7	Portion of Acts 17

Final exam period: Sight translation and grammatical analysis of short passage in Acts.