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## NT 500 A Concise Greek

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NT500A CONCISE GREEK  
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*Please note that this syllabus is subject to revision by the professor.*

## Course Description

An introduction to exegetical Greek for ministry. Particular emphasis is placed on inductive learning of exegetical Greek, the use of standard exegetical tools and of Bible study software, and linguistics.

## Course Objectives

1. Know and use the Greek alphabet
2. Interpret basic Greek grammar and syntax
3. Easily read and pronounce Greek words
4. Awareness of and hands-on practice with standard reference works for exegesis—both printed and electronic
5. Use modern linguistics in exegetical study
6. Know basic characteristics of the Greek New Testament

## Course Requirements

1. *Involvement in Class Activities:* This includes regular attendance, engagement with in-class discussions and exercises, and completing reading assignments. There will be periodic short quizzes covering the material from the assigned reading and previous classes.

**Attendance and Reading – 5%**

2. *Examinations:* Student progress on reaching the course objectives will be examined as follows:

**Alphabet Exam – 5%**

**Greek Grammar Exam – 15%**

**14 Worksheets – 35%**

**Final Project: Analysis of Passage in 1 John – 40%**

Exegetical Worksheet – 5%

Completed Analysis – 35%

3. *Late Work:* Except for the final project, all assignments must be submitted by the beginning of class on the day they are due. Unexcused late work will receive a grade of 0. Work submitted late will be considered unexcused if no *prior* notice is given. However, prior notice does not guarantee excused lateness!

## Required Texts

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

Douglas, J.D., ed. *The New Greek-English Interlinear New Testament*. Wheaton: Tyndale, 1993.

Green, Joel B., ed. *Hearing the New Testament: Strategies for Interpretation*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1995.

## Required Software

BibleWorks

Version 6.0 (or later) of BibleWorks may be purchased at the bookstore. Students are not necessarily required to purchase the software, provided that have access to a legally licensed version (e.g., the ATS library computers).

## Recommended Text

Long, Gary A. *Grammatical Concepts 101 for Biblical Greek: Learning Biblical Greek Grammatical Concepts Through English Grammar (Paperback)* [Publisher info to follow]

## Course Outline

### Tuesday, August 1:

Topics: Introduction; Syllabus; Greek Alphabet; Writing Greek letters; practice pronunciation; vowels, diphthongs, marks; pronunciation rules; alphabet exam overview

Homework: Read Black, chs. 1-2; 14; memorize alphabet; practice writing alphabet; practice pronunciation with John 1:1-5; view Intro to BibleWorks powerpoint presentation

### Wednesday, August 2:

Topics: Read John 1:1-5; the Bible, sunglasses, and meaning; the Greek verb—time and aspect; The Greek verb—time, aspect, tense, voice, mood, person, number; parsing; Practice Sheet A; introduction to the analytical lexicon; Read Mark 1:1-5

Homework: Read Green, ch. 1; read Black, ch. 8; begin Worksheet 01—The Analytical Lexicon; Practice Pronouncing Mark 1:1-5

### Due: Alphabet Exam

### Thursday, August 3:

Topics: Read Mark 1:1-5; the art of boundary making; read Mark 1:6-10; introduction to the standard lexicons; LSJ on the Web; verbs—the role/importance of context

Homework: Complete WS 01; read Black, ch. 9; practice pronouncing Mark 1:6-10; find LSJ lexicon on the web; look up