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NT 500 Concise Greek

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Course Description

NT 500 is an introduction to a basic acquisition of the Greek language of the New Testament as well as being an introduction to the fundamental matters regarding interpretive understanding and exegetical method, skills, and tools.

Course Objectives

1. Students will acquire knowledge of the Greek alphabet and familiarity with the basics of Greek vocabulary, grammar and syntax.
2. Students will develop a basic understanding of the use of modern linguistics for exegesis.
3. Students will become acquainted with standard reference works (printed & electronic) used in the exegetical task.
4. Students will develop a basic knowledge of text-critical matters relating to the GNT.

Course Requirements

1. Students will prepare assignments for, attend, and participate in scheduled classes.
   Completing Required Reading/Journal – 10% of final grade

2. Students will be given ten exams relating to the Greek language. Material for these examinations will be covered both in class and in the required text It’s Still Greek to Me by David A. Black. (Students are encouraged to supplement their study with Greek Tutor.)
   First Nine Exams – 30% of final grade; Final Exam – 10% of final grade

3. Students will be required to complete worksheets that are assigned throughout the course.
   Class Worksheets – 30% of final grade [N.B. Late worksheets will not be accepted.]

4. As a final assignment, students will complete an analysis of a New Testament passage using the tools and Greek language skills acquired in the course. Details of the analysis will be discussed in class.
   Analysis of New Testament passage – 20% of final grade
**Required Texts**


**Recommended Text**


(If you need to brush up on you English grammar, I suggest you obtain a simple text to do so.)

**Required Software**

*BibleWorks* (Hermeneutika)

*Greek Tutor* (Parsons Technology)

*BibleWorks and Greek Tutor are available for student use at the computer center in the library.*

**Course Schedule**

**9/7 Week One**

*Introduction.* Greek Alphabet and Pronunciation. *Greek Tutor.* Parts of Speech. The Sentence. **Homework:** Read the Gospel of Mark (in English) and prepare for EXAM #1: The Alphabet, Parts of Speech and the Sentence. Read *Black*, chapters 1 & 2. *Greek Tutor* introduction and chapter 1. (Start working with *BibleWorks* program as soon as possible, view video and read reserve material in folder.)

**9/14 Week Two**

*Exam #1.* Pronunciation Practice. The Greek Verb. Introducing the Analytical Lexicon- Book and Software (*BibleWorks*). Practice Sheet A. **Homework:** *Black*, chapter 8. Do worksheet #1. Practice pronouncing as much of Mark 1:1-15 as you can. (Chapters in *Greek Tutor* that discuss the finite Greek verb are: 3, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25. You are not required to memorize these forms. Use these chapters as an aid to further understanding of the verb.)
9/21 Week Three

9/28 Week Four
**Exam #2.** Worksheet #2 in class. Pronunciation Practice. Greek Case Forms and Functions. Practice Sheet B. Commentaries: Their Forms and Functions. **Homework**: Black, chapter 3. Do Worksheet #3- Critical Commentaries. Practice pronouncing Mark 1:11-15. (Chapters 4, 5, 13, 28 in Greek Tutor discuss the noun and case forms/functions.) How is BibleWorks coming?

10/5 Week Five
Pronunciation Practice. Worksheet #3 in class. Greek Case Forms and Functions (continued). Mark 1:1-15 and Establishing a Research Agenda. **Homework**: Prepare for EXAM #3: Greek Case Forms and Functions. (Review material in Black chapter 3 and Greek Tutor (see Week Four). Do Worksheets #4 & #5. Read Cotterell and Turner, chapter 1.

10/12 Week Six
**Exam #3.** Pronunciation Practice. Review Verbs and Nouns. Practice Sheet C. Worksheets #4 & #5 in class. Introduce Greek Prepositions. The Concordance. **Homework**: Read Black, chapter 7; Cotterell & Turner, chapter 2. Prepare for EXAM #4: Greek Verbs and Nouns. Do Worksheets #6 & #7. Practice reading Mark 1:1-15. (Chapter 6 in Greek Tutor discusses prepositions.)

10/19 Week Seven
**Exam #4.** Pronunciation Practice: 1 John. Worksheets #6 & #7 in class. Adjectives. From Text to Sermon. **Homework**: Do Worksheet #8. Read Black, chapter 4; Cotterell & Turner, chapter 3. Prepare for EXAM #5: The Adjective. Read the First Letter of John in English and then start to focus your attention on 1 John 3:1-17 especially as it relates to Worksheet #9 for next week. (Chapter 7 in Greek Tutor discusses the adjective.)

10/26 Week Eight
**Exam #5.** Pronunciation Practice. Worksheet #8 in class. The Infinitive and Participle. Genre. **Homework**: Do Worksheet #9. Read Black, chapters 10 & 11; Cotterell & Turner, chapter 4. Prepare for EXAM #6: The Infinitive and Participle. Practice reading in 1 John. (Chapters 19, 20,21, 22 in Greek Tutor discuss the participle and infinitive.)

11/2 Week Nine
Reading Week. So read Cotterell & Turner, chapter 5, and continue preparing for EXAM #6: The Infinitive and Participle.
11/9 Week Ten

11/16 Week Eleven
Exam #7. Pronunciation Practice. Worksheet #10 in class. The Pronoun. Cotterell & Turner in class. Homework: Do Worksheet #11. Read Black, chapter 5; Cotterell & Turner, chapter 7. Prepare for EXAM #8: The Pronoun. (Chapters 8, 11, and 26 in Greek Tutor discuss the pronoun.) Begin work on Worksheet #13 – Grammatical Analysis of 1 John 2:3-6 (First 5 parts due 12/7)

11/30 Week Twelve

12/7 Week Thirteen

12/14 Week Fourteen
Final Exam (#10). Part 6 of Worksheet #13 (Consultation/Interpretation) Due. Cotterell and Turner in class.