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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, Reading, and Quizzes – 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. While late work will be accepted, unexcused late assignments will be deducted 25% for each class day late. Work submitted late will be considered unexcused if no prior notice is given. However, prior notice does not guarantee excused lateness!
Required Texts


Required Software
BibleWorks
Version 6.0 of BibleWorks may be purchased at the bookstore. Students may also use the software on the computers located in the library.

Course Outline (Each number refers to the week in the semester. Each letter refers to the class session within each week).

1a:
Topics: Introduction; Syllabus; Greek Alphabet
Homework: Read Black, chs. 1-2; memorize alphabet

1b:
Topics: Writing Greek letters; practice pronunciation; vowels, diphthongs, marks; pronunciation rules; alphabet exam overview
Homework: Read Black, ch. 14; practice writing alphabet; practice pronunciation with John 1:1-5; view Intro to BibleWorks powerpoint presentation

Due: Alphabet Exam

2a:
Topics: Read John 1:1-5; the Bible, sunglasses, and meaning; the Greek verb—time and aspect
Homework: Read Green, ch. 1; read Black, ch. 8

2b:
Topics: 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: Begin Worksheet 01—The Analytical Lexicon; Practice Pronouncing Mark 1:1-5

Due: Worksheet 01

3a:
Topics: Read Mark 1:1-5; the art of boundary making; questions on WS 01?
Homework: Complete WS 01; read Black, ch. 9; practice pronouncing Mark 1:6-10

3b:
Topics: Read Mark 1:6-10; introduction to the standard lexicons; LSJ on the Web; verbs—the role/importance of context
Homework: Find LSJ lexicon on the web; look up pneuma; WS 02—The Lexicon: euaggelion (khru, ssw; using BibleWorks, identify the verbs in Mark 1:1-10 and interpret the time and aspect of the Greek tenses

Due: Worksheet 01
4a:
Topics: Verbs—the role/importance of context; a look at commentaries, reference books, and their uses; introduce WS 03; Questions on WS 02
Homework: Begin WS 03—Critical Commentaries; read Black, chs. 3-4; practice pronouncing Mark 1:11-15

4b:
Topics: Read Mark 1:11-15; Greek cases and their uses; Practice Sheet B—Noun Declining; introduce Practice Sheet on Greek cases
Homework: Read Green, ch. 14-15; Practice Sheet on Greek Cases
Due: WS 02

5a:
Topics: Setting a research agenda; review noun/adj. cases; review Practice Sheet on Greek Cases; discuss pronouns, definite articles
Homework: Complete WS 03; read Black, chs. 5-6; memorize definite article declension; practice locating and observing the use of the definite article in Mark 1:1-15

5b:
Topics: Introduction to WS 04 and 05; additional uses of cases
Homework: WS 04—kaqw.j ge,graptai in the New Testament; WS 05—Citation of Prophecy and Intertextuality; read Black, ch. 7
Due: WS 03

6a:
Topics: Greek prepositions; participles
Homework: Read Black, chs. 10-11; Using BWs, identify the nouns, adjectives and prepositional phrases in Mark 1:1-15 and interpret the Greek cases

6b:
Topics: Greek participles; infinitives; introduce WS 06 and 07; introduce Practice Sheet C
Homework: WS 06—The Concordance (e;rhmoj ( paradi,dwmi); WS 07—Intertextuality (John’s Attire and Diet); Practice Sheet C; Using BWs, find the participles and infinitives in Mark 1:1-15 and notice how they are translated
Due: WS 04; WS 05

Reading Week: Mar 21-25

7a:
Topics: Hosea 2:14-23 and the wilderness; Practice Sheet C; Introduce Practice Sheet D; Introduction to WS 08
Homework: WS 08—Concordance (teknon ( u`io,j); Practice Sheet D; read Green, chapter 11

7b:
Topics: Overview of the Greek Grammar exam
Homework: Prepare for Greek Grammar exam
Due: WS 06; WS 07

8a:
Greek Grammar exam; introduction to WS 09
Homework: WS 09—Greek Verbal Aspect (ἀμαρτάνω); read Green, ch. 10; practice pronouncing 1 John 3:1-3

8b:
Topics: Read 1 John 3:1-3; genre and expectations; delimiting boundaries
Homework: Read Green, chapter 8; practice pronouncing 1 John 3:4-6
Due: WS 08

9a:
Topics: Read 1 John 3:4-6; introduction to the Exegetical Worksheet
Homework: Begin work on Exegetical WS; Read Green, ch. 9; practice pronouncing 1 John 3:7-10
Due: WS 09

9b:
Topics: Doing things with words: common semantic fallacies; introduction to WS 10; read 1 John 3:7-10
Homework: WS 10—The Lexicon and the Concordance (ἀγάπαω and φίλε, ω);

10a:
Topics: Read 1 John 3:7-10; introduction to modern linguistics; the importance of semantic domains; introduction to WS 11
Homework: WS 11—Semantic Domains; practice pronouncing 1 John 3:11-17

10b:
Topics: Lexical resources and diachronic study; concordances and synchronic study; introduction to WS 12
Homework: WS 12—The Lexicon and Theological Dictionary (κόσμος)
Due: WS 10

11a:
Topics: Overview of the Final Paper
Homework: Begin research on the Final Paper
Due: Exegetical WS

11b:
Topics: Introduction to sociolinguistics; the special problem of metaphor; introduction to WS 13
Homework: WS 13—Intertextuality; read Black, chs. 12-13
Due: WS 11; WS 12

12a:
Topics: Grammatical analysis of 1 John 3:4-10; introduction to WS 14
Homework: WS 14—Grammatical Analysis; read Green, ch. 20

12b:
Topics: Text, theology, and sermon
Homework: Read Green, ch. 7
Due: WS 13

13a:
Due: WS 14

13b:
Topics: Textual criticism
Final Project Due: 5:00pm, Wednesday, May 18