

Syllabus: Basics of Biblical Greek (Spring/Summer 2019)

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Course Objectives

- 1) Gain some basic knowledge of the mechanics of the Greek language, grammatical structures, syntax, and vocabulary. This course aims to provide a very basic framework, without going into excessive detail.
- 2) Become comfortable with some basic technical terminology, particularly some of terms associated with exegesis.
- 3) Become familiar with the resources available for further study of Koine Greek. As the course progresses, more useful titles, internet resources, and handouts will be provided.

Recommended Textbook:

Baugh, S.M., *A New Testament Greek Primer*. P&R Publishing, 2012.

Other Recommended/Useful Texts:

The UBS Greek New Testament: Reader's Edition with Textual Notes. Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, Stuttgart, Germany 2001.

Mounce, William, *Basics of Biblical Greek*, Harpercollins 2004.

Assignments/Expectations:

There will not be any “homework” but everyone should spend their time each week preparing the contents of the assigned chapters, such as being prepared to read the sentences at the end of each chapter, or any (short) sentences provided on handouts during class.

Everyone should be prepared to spend a least 20-30 minutes per day reviewing the concepts learned in class in order to effectively progress through the concepts presented here. Flashcards and other similar learning tools are encouraged!

General Schedule

(Subject to change based on the needs of the class)

Week 1

- Introduction to Koine Greek
- Some language-learning principles
- The alphabet, pronunciation, etc.
- Breathing marks and accents

Week 2

- First declension nouns (chapter 1)
- The article

- Early vocabulary
- Second declension nouns (chapter 2)

Week 3

- Introduction to verbs (ch. 4)
- Present active and deponent verbs
- Imperfect verbs (ch. 5)

Week 4

- Review of previous concepts learned
- Contract verbs (ch. 6)
- Future verbs (ch. 7)

Week 5

- First and second aorist verbs (chs. 8&9)
- First and second declension adjectives (ch. 10)

Week 6

- General review
- Third declension nouns (ch. 11)
- Third declension noun variations (ch. 12)

Week 7

- Prepositions (ch. 13)
- Reading practice

Week 8

- Perfect verbs (ch. 14)
- Middle/Passive verbs (ch. 15)
- Personal and reflexive pronouns (ch. 16)

Week 9

- Pronouns (ch. 17)
- Liquid verbs (ch. 18)
- Present participles (ch. 19)

Week 10

- Aorist participles (ch. 20)
- Perfect participles (ch. 21)
- (tentatively) Subjunctive mood verbs (ch. 22)

Week 11

- Relative pronouns (ch. 23)
- More nouns (ch. 24)
- Imperatives (ch. 25) and infinitives (ch. 26)
- MI verbs (ch. 27)