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## **NT 501A Comprehensive Greek Fall, 2000 TR 9:30-10:45**

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### **Course Description**

Participants in this first of a two-part course (6 credit hours) will be introduced to New Testament (Koine) Greek. Particular emphasis is placed on the mastery of the rudiments of Greek grammar, vocabulary and syntax for the purpose of reading the Greek New Testament.

### **Course Objectives**

After the successful completion of this course the student will:

- (1) Possess a working vocabulary of words that occur 50 times or more in the GNT,
- (2) Be able to parse nouns and verbs used 50 times or more in the GNT,
- (3) Be able to understand Greek *phonology*, *morphology* (which is the study and description of word formation including inflection, derivation, and compounding), and *syntax* (word order, thought flow, and sentence structure),
- (4) Be equipped to translate passages from the GNT,
- (5) Be able to identify and label selected syntactical relationships between words,
- (6) Possess a rudimentary knowledge of Greek tools, resources and linguistics in so far as these impinge upon the study of the New Testament.

### **Course Requirements**

- (1) *Class Preparation, Attendance, and Participation:* As with any language course, regular attendance and full participation in this course is imperative. Students should expect to spend 6-9 hours a week beyond class time. Students will learn Greek grammar and vocabulary most effectively through daily study and constant review.
- (2) *Exercises & Worksheets:* Students will receive the opportunity to practice and develop their Greek skills through practice exercises in the textbook and worksheet handouts. Completion of these exercises will be recorded weekly. **10%**
- (3) *Quizzes:* Each student is responsible for learning all the Greek words that occur 50 times or more in the New Testament. These words correspond to the vocabulary lists found in Black. Students will take vocabulary, grammar, and translation quizzes periodically throughout the term. **15%**

(4) *Examinations*: Students will receive the opportunity to display their growing skills with the Greek language through two examinations. The exams will test students on points of grammar, the parsing of verbs, the identification of grammatical constructions, and translation.

Midterm   **25%**

Final       **50%**

## **Class Policies and Suggestions**

(1) *Late Work*: Normally students must turn in assignments and take quizzes/tests on the dates specified. If for some reason this is impossible, students must notify the instructor in advance or receive a 20 point penalty.

(2) *Questions*: In language study it is normal for students to have gaps in their understanding of new material. Please ask questions when you do not understand some feature we are studying. Usually many other students have the same question.

(3) *Group Study*: Language is retained and clarified through use and interaction. Feel free to study with other students and help each other with the exercises. However, be careful to not become dependent on other students.

## **Required Texts**

Black, David Alan. *Learning to Read New Testament Greek*, rev. ed. (Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 1994).

Black, David Alan. *It's Still Greek to Me*. (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1998).

*The Greek New Testament* (United Bible Societies, 4th edition).

Bauer, et al. *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*. 4<sup>th</sup> rev. edition. University of Chicago Press. 2000

## **Recommended Texts**

Dana, H. E. and J. R. Mantey. *A Manual Grammar of the Greek New Testament*. (New York: MacMillan, 1955).

Trenchard, Warren C. *Student's Complete Vocabulary Guide to the Greek New Testament*, rev. ed. (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1992).

Wallace, Daniel. *Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics*. (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1996).

## **Course Schedule**

- 9/5 Introduction. Syllabus. Alphabet. Vowels. Diphthongs.  
Assignments: Learn alphabet. Read Text Ch. 1. Read Grammar Ch. 1.
- 9/7 Breathings. Accents. Punctuation. Pronunciation. Writing. Overview of Alphabet Exam.  
Assignments: Exercises 11a,b,c,d. Read Text Ch. 2. Read Grammar Chs. 2 and 14.
- 9/12 **Alphabet Quiz.** The Greek Language. Lexical Sense. Introduction to BAGD. Pronouncing Ch. 3 Vocabulary. Greek Tense Overview.  
Assignments: Look up *lo,goj* and *pei,qw* in BAGD and record the senses listed for each word. Read Text Ch. 3. Memorize Ch. 3 vocabulary.
- 9/14 BAGD and Lexical Senses. Vocabulary Practice. Verbal Voice, Mood, Person, Number. Primary Active Suffixes. Present and Future Stems. Amalgamation of *s*. Parsing. *eivmi*, PAI. Negatives.  
Assignments: Exercises 27a,b,c. Read Grammar Chs. 8 and 9. Look up six Ch. 3 vocabulary words in BAGD and record the senses.
- 9/19 **Vocabulary Quiz.** Review Exercises 27c. Refined Tense Distinctions. Practice Parsing and Translating. Pronouncing Ch. 4 Vocabulary. Review Lexical Senses Found in BAGD.  
Assignments: Read Text Ch. 4. Memorize Ch. 4 vocabulary.
- 9/21 Parts of Speech. Identification of Grammatical Functions. Greek Cases. Second Declension Nouns. The Definite Article. Complements. Conjunctions. Word Order.  
Assignments: Exercises 37c. Read Grammar Chs. 3 and 6. Look up six ch. 4 vocabulary words in BAGD and record the senses.
- 9/26 Review Exercises 37c. Cases and Cotext. Practice Parsing and Translating. Pronouncing Ch. 5 Vocabulary. Review Lexical Senses Found in BAGD.  
**Distribute Chs. 3 and 4 Quiz.**  
Assignments: Chs. 3 and 4 Quiz. Read Text Ch. 5. Begin memorizing ch. 5 vocabulary.
- 9/28 Review Chs. 3 and 4 Quiz. First Declension Nouns. Prepositions. Vocabulary Practice.  
Assignments: Exercises 42c. Memorize Definite Article Paradigm. Read Grammar Ch. 7.
- 10/3 Review Exercises 42c. Parsing Practice. Examine BAGD Presentation of Grammatical Forms for Nouns. Translation Practice. Pronouncing Ch. 6 Vocabulary. **Distribute Ch. 5 Quiz.**  
Assignments: Ch. 5 Quiz. Read Text Ch. 6. Begin memorizing ch. 6 vocabulary.

- 10/5 Review Ch. 5 Quiz. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Declension Adjectives. Uses of the Adjective. Translation Practice. Parsing Practice.  
Assignments: Exercises 47c. Read Grammar Ch. 4.
- 10/10 Review Exercises 47c. Parsing Practice. BAGD Presentation of Grammatical Forms for Adjectives. Translation Practice. Pronouncing ch. 7 vocabulary.  
**Distribute Ch. 6 Quiz.**  
Assignments: Ch. 6 Quiz. Read Text Ch. 7. Begin memorizing ch. 7 vocabulary.
- 10/12 Review Ch. 6 Quiz. Imperfect and Aorist Active Indicative. Vocabulary Practice. Translation Practice. Parsing Practice.  
Assignments: Exercises 57c. Review Grammar Ch. 9.
- 10/17 Review Exercises 57c. Parsing Practice. BAGD Presentation of Grammatical Forms for Verbs. Translation Practice. Pronouncing ch. 8 vocabulary.  
**Distribute Ch. 7 Quiz.**  
Assignments: Ch. 7 Quiz. Read Text Ch. 8. Begin memorizing ch. 8 vocabulary.
- 10/19 Review Ch. 7 Quiz. Additional Prepositions. Translation Practice. Preparation for Midterm Exam.  
Assignments: Exercises 63c. Review Grammar Ch. 7. Prepare for Midterm Exam (Chapters 1-8).
- 10/24 Review Exercises 63c. Review for Midterm Exam. **Distribute Midterm Exam.**  
Assignments: Midterm Exam. Read Text Ch. 9.

### **Midterm Exam Due 10/26**

- 10/26 Answer Questions on Midterm Exam. Personal Pronouns. Special Use of αυτο,j. New Testament Examples.  
Assignments: Exercises 69c. Read Grammar Ch. 5.
- 10/31 Review Midterm Exam. Review Chapter 9 Exercises. **Distribute Ch. 9 Quiz.**  
Assignments: Ch. 9 Quiz. Read Text Ch. 10. Begin memorizing ch. 10 vocabulary.
- 11/2 Review Ch. 9 Quiz. Principle Parts. Perfect and Pluperfect Active Indicative. New Testament Examples.  
Assignments: Exercises 76c. Review Grammar Ch. 9.
- 11/7 Review Ch. 10 Exercises. Parsing Practice. Translation Practice. **Distribute Ch. 10 Quiz.**

Assignments: Ch. 10 Quiz. Read Text Ch. 11. Begin memorizing ch. 11 vocabulary.

- 11/9 Review Ch. 10 Quiz. Demonstrative Pronouns. Examples of Use of Demonstrative Pronouns. Parsing Practice. Translation Practice. Assignments: Exercises 80c. Review Grammar Ch. 5.
- 11/14 Review Ch. 11 Exercises. Translation Practice. **Distribute Ch. 11 Quiz.** Assignments: Ch. 11 Quiz. Read Text Chs. 12 and 13. Begin memorizing chs. 12 and 13 vocabulary.
- 11/16 Review Ch. 11 Quiz. Review Voice. Primary Middle Suffixes. Present, Future, Perfect Middle and Passive. Agency. Deponent Verbs. Future Indicative of εἰμι,. Begin Translating Exercises. Introduce Word Study Project. Assignments: Exercises 86c. Exercises 93c. Read Grammar Ch. 12. Word Study Project.
- 11/28 Review Exercises 86c. Review Exercises 93c. Translation Practice. **Distribute Chs. 12 and 13 Quiz.** Assignments: Chs. 12 and 13 Quiz. Read Text Chs. 14 and 15. Begin memorizing chs. 14 and 15 vocabulary.
- 11/30 Review Chs. 12 and 13 Quiz. Imperfect Middle/Passive, Aorist Middle, Pluperfect Middle/Passive, Aorist and Future Passive Indicative. Parsing Practice. Translation Practice. Assignments: Exercises 98c. Exercises 105c.
- 12/5 Review Exercises 98c and 105c. Translation Practice. Preparation for Final Exam. Assignments: Prepare for Final Exam.
- 12/7 **Word Study Project Due.** Review for Final Exam
- 12/14 **Final Exam 9:00-11:00**