

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

BGR 530 Greek IA

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION: A study of the essentials of Greek morphology grammar and syntax designed to prepare the student for translation and exegesis of the New Testament.

OBJECTIVES

At the successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

Knowledge

1. Demonstrate his knowledge of the basic vocabulary contained in the required text.
2. Demonstrate his mastery of the Greek inflectional system.
3. Demonstrate an understanding and recognition of the Greek grammatical constructions covered in our texts.

Skills

1. Translate without the use of written aids, Greek to English sentences found in the prepared exercises of our texts, and selected passages from the Greek New Testament.
2. Recognize, identify, parse and decline Greek verbs, nouns and adjectives.
3. Use with facility a Greek to English lexicon.

Attitudes

1. To develop an increased love of God's word and a deeper appreciation of its importance in the life of the Christian believer and the Body of Christ.
2. To come to appreciate the value of studying the New Testament in its original language for the purpose of exegesis and exposition.

TEXTBOOKS

Required:

Summers, Ray. *Essentials of New Testament Greek*. Revised by Thomas Sawyer. Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 1995

Cox, Stephen L. *Essentials of New Testament Greek: A Students Guide*. Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 1995.

*Recommended:*¹

Aland, Kurt, Barbara Aland, Johannes Karavidopoulos, Carlo M. Martini, and Bruce M. Metzger, ed.s. *The Greek New Testament*, 4th rev. ed. (with dictionary) United Bible Societies, 1993.

Gingrich, F. Wilbur. *Shorter Lexicon of the Greek New Testament*. 2nd edition, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1983.

BASIC OUTLINE

- I. Morphology and the Introduction of Greek Syntax
- II. Parts of Speech: Verbs, Nouns, Adjectives, Prepositions and Pronouns
- III. Expanded Use of the Greek Verb.
- IV. Third Declension Nouns
- V. Introducing Greek Participles

METHODOLOGY

In this source we will seek to meet our objectives through:

1. Classroom lecture.
2. Daily recitation of prepared translations and workbook assignments
3. Daily quizzes over assigned areas of study.
4. Independent out-of-class work assignments done individually or in study groups.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Attendance at all class sessions is expected. When you have planned absences, please let the professor know before they occur. Excessive absenteeism is defined by the AGTS catalog and may result in a course grade reduction.

¹ Both of the recommended texts will be required texts in 2nd semester of Greek I.

2. Completion of all homework and workbook assignments.
3. Satisfactory preparation for and performance on daily quizzes
4. Final Exam

NOTE: No late homework will be accepted except due to illness, or when the student notifies the professor in advance of a planned absence. Students who are absent are still responsible for assignments made on the day of their absence and are expected to turn that homework on the next day of class.

GRADING PROCEDURE

1. Grade Weights:

Class Participation: (Daily preparation - including attendance and performance on class recitation/translation)	5 %
Daily Quizzes ²	26%
Unit Exams (3 exams – 80pts each)	24%
Written Homework – Handouts and workbook assignments	15%
Final Exam (comprehensive)	30%

2. **Major (Unit) quizzes** will be given periodically. Students who miss class on the day of a unit exam will not be allowed to make them up, *unless* the absence was due to an "approved" emergency. Make-up unit exams must be taken within one week of the scheduled date of the exam.
3. **Workbook assignments:** Assignments in the workbook are done for drill and review. They will be “self-graded.” The answers to the workbook will be in folders on 2-hour reserve in the library. You are expected to check your work against the answers and then turn them in at the end of the assigned class day (Fridays). Full credit will be given so long as your dated and signed name is on the Workbook Log in the library.

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

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²Students should expect a daily quiz over the homework assignment for the previous class.

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SPECIFIC DATA

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