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NT2011 Beginning Greek I
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COURSE PURPOSE

The purpose of this course is to equip the student with the essential vocabulary and grammatical framework with which read and, with some degree of accuracy, to translate the Greek New Testament.

Objectives of the Course

1. An identification and mastery of using the Greek alphabet, word-pronunciation, word-syllabification, and sentence punctuation.
2. 3. An understanding of nouns, pronouns, adjectives, as to their case, number, and gender, along with an identification of the three declensions of the noun and its inflected forms.
3. An understanding of the meaning and use of prepositions.
4. An understanding of the verb-system in the present indicative by an identification its lexical and inflected forms, stems, and roots.
5. A basic reading ability in the Greek New Testament with the skill of taking any word and looking it up in a Greek lexicon or N.T. Greek concordance for further detailed study.
6. 7. Developing a *working* Greek vocabulary of some *200 Greek words* that involve *70%* of the total word-count in the Greek New Testament, along with an elementary understanding of syntax.
7. 9. A sense of *excitement* and *joy*, as the New Testament begins to be understood in its *original* Greek text.

Texts for the Course

Required Texts:

New Testament Greek for Beginners / Edition 2 by J. Gresham Machen, Dan G. McCartney
ISBN 013184234X.

Lexical Aids for Students of New Testament Greek [Paperback] by Bruce Metzger.

Recommended Texts:

The Greek New Testament by **Kurt Aland. United Bible Society Fourth Edition.**
(Dictionary included).

Course Requirements

1. Class attendance: more than two unexcused absences drops final grade one letter grade.
2. Completion of Weekly Assignments.
3. Read text in preparation for class.
4. Practice **Daily** on vocabulary cards that student will make.
5. Whenever you can, use your Greek New Testament for private Bible Study and for other class preparations.

Course Grading

1. Class attendance: more than two unexcused absences drops final grade one letter grade.
2. Eleven quizzes (the lowest grade will be dropped) (200 Points).
3. Two Exams (100 Points each)
4. Weekly Assignments (300 Points)
5. Class participation will influence borderline grades.

BTS FORMAT AND STYLE STANDARDS

NOTE: All papers must be formatted in accordance with Turabian Chicago standards including the title page. Any paper not conforming to these standards will automatically be dropped one letter grade.

Proper planning and timely completion of assignments is crucial.

All course materials must be submitted by the last day of class. Thereafter, course materials may be submitted for up to six (6) weeks after the end of the semester directly to the office of the Registrar with the permission of the professor. If a student submits course materials after the end of the semester but within the six (6) weeks grace period, the student's grade will be lowered by one letter grade. The course materials will not be accepted after the six (6) week grace period and a failing grade will be posted to the student's transcript.

Course Outline

Week One

Sept. 13 Machen chapter 1, Alphabet and pronounce Greek Words.

Week Two

Sept. 20 Machen Chapter 2, Accents (Do not be overwhelmed), Memorize vocabulary on page 20. Alphabet quiz. Write English words with Greek letters.

Week Three

Sept. 27 Machen Chapter 3; Memorize the Present Active Indicative paradigm (p.20) Do Exercise II (English to Greek sentences), p. 22. Quiz.

Week Four

Oct.4 Machen Chapter 4; Memorize the Second Declension noun case endings, Memorize vocabulary on page 23. Quiz. Exercises on pages 27-28. Do odd number Greek to English and Even number English to Greek.

Week Five

Oct 11 Machen Chapter 5. Review case endings for First Declension nouns (note paradigms on p. 29, 30, and 31) Even numbered sentences Greek to English. Odd numbered sentences English to Greek. Quiz

Week Six

Oct 18 Fall Break (but do not make it a mental break) Review the last 5 lessons of Machen and prepare for an Exam on October 25.
Vocabulary through lesson 6

Week Seven

Oct 25 Machen Lesson 6. Quiz and Mid-term Exam

Week Eight

Nov 1 Machen Lesson 7 Quiz

Week Nine

Nov 8 Machen Lesson 8

Week Ten

Nov 15 Machen Lesson 9

Week Eleven

Nov 22 Machen Lesson 10

Week Twelve

Nov 29 Machen Lesson 11

Week Thirteen

Dec 6 Machen Lesson 12 and **Review***

Week 14

Dec 13 Final

*** Class will be arranged because of the nativity drive through.**

Recommended Resources for New Testament Greek

Abbot-Smith, George, ed. *A Manual Greek Lexicon of the New Testament*. 3rd ed. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1937.

Aland, Kurt, et al., eds. *The Greek New Testament*. Corrected 3rd ed. United Bible Societies, 1983.

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[abridgment of C. Brown]