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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. 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. 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. 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 J. Gresham Machen

The Greek New Testament by Kurt Aland. United Bible Society. (Dictionary included - not the student edition with a running dictionary, but any edition with a dictionary in the back)
OR
The Greek New Testament – Nestle Aland along with the lexicon listed below

Recommended Texts:
Shorter Lexicon of the Greek New Testament - Gingrich

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) (25points).
3. Two Exams (25 points each)
4. Weekly Assignments (25 points)
5. Class participation will influence borderline grades.

All course materials must be submitted to the professor at the end of the semester (last day of class). Thereafter, course materials may be submitted for up to six 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 week grace period, the student's grade will be lowered by one letter grade. The course materials will not be accepted after the six week grace period and a failing grade will be posted to the student's transcript.

Course Outline

Sept. 15 Machen chapter 1 and 2

Sept. 22 Machen Chapter 2 and 3

Sept. 29 Machen Chapter 4

Oct 6 Machen Chapter 5

Oct 13 Machen Chapter 6 and 7

Oct 20 Fall Break (but do not make it a mental break) Review the last 7 lessons of Machen and prepare for an Exam on October 27

Oct 27 Machen Lesson 8 Mid term exam

Nov 3 Machen Lesson 9

Nov 10 Machen Lesson 10

Nov 17 Machen Lesson 11 and 12

Nov 24 Thanksgiving. No Class!!!

Dec 1 Machen Lesson 13

Dec 8 Machen Lesson 14 Final Exam

Dec 15 Machen 15

Other 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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Kittel, G. and G. Friedrich, ed. *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*, 10 vols. G.R.: Eerdmans, 1964-76.

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*Louw, J. P. and E. A. Nida. *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament Based on Semantic Domains*, 2 vols. New York: United Bible Societies, 1988.

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