

#222 Advanced Greek
Western Reformed Seminary
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COURSE INFORMATION

Course description

Vocabulary mastery of words occurring 25 or more times in the NT; systematic study of Greek syntax; use of advanced level Greek tools; Greek synonyms; survey of science of linguistics as it relates to NT Greek; continued application of textual criticism and the critical apparatus; reading of moderately difficult NT portions, with application of syntactical principles.

Course objectives

This course is designed to be taken after you have completed Intermediate Greek. In this course you will review and memorize all the Greek vocabulary that occurs 25 times or more in the NT (512 words, 219 being new this semester). You will survey the linguistic principles on which the study of Greek is based by reading a book and class discussion. And you will translate and be familiar with the Greek text of four chapters of moderate difficulty in the NT.

Course outcomes

By successfully completing this course, you should be able to do the following:

- Confidently and competently translate any portion of the NT
- Appreciate current trends in the study of NT Greek and understand frequently used linguistic terms
- Be able to prepare a strong exegetical foundation for any Bible studies or sermons that you may give in the future
- Be prepared to pass the Greek portion of an ordination exam

Required texts

The following are the required texts for the course:

- Greek NT: either UBS 5th ed., or Nestle-Aland 28th ed.

- Bruce M. Metzger, *Lexical Aids for Students of New Testament Greek*
- David Alan Black, *Linguistics for Students of New Testament Greek*

The following are strongly recommended as being obtained, if you do not already have them:

- Walter Bauer, Frederick W. Danker, William F. Arndt, F. Wilbur Gingrich, *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*, 3rd ed. (BDAG)
- Bruce M. Metzger, *A Textual Commentary on the Greek New Testament* (2nd ed. matches UBS 4th ed.)

The readings for the course are due on the dates indicated below. Class discussion will assume that you have read the assignment for that day.

Vocabulary quizzes

Each week there will be a quiz on Greek vocabulary. The words may be Greek to English, or English to Greek. The quizzes will review words previously learned, but will concentrate on the new words for that quiz.

Translation

The translation of the four chapters from the NT is to be done in the format described in class. The translation will be checked at the beginning of class. You will be expected to read the Greek and to translate orally in class the assigned portion, without constant reference to your written translation.

Testing

The midterm and final examinations will cover the translated material. You will be expected to translate passages without the use of a lexicon. A sheet with uncommon words and brief definitions (fewer than 10 occurrences in the NT) will be provided.

Grading

The final grade for the course will be based on the following:

- Vocabulary quizzes 20%
- NT translations and recitation 25%
- Required reading 15%
- Midterm examination 20%
- Final examination 20%

Course schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Translation</u>	<u>Vocabulary Quiz</u>	<u>Reading & Tools</u>
Jan. 26	Introduction to Course		
Feb. 2	Acts 20:1-12 Quizzes 1 (151 & over) & 2 (81 & over)		
9	Acts 20:13-24 Quizzes 3 (61 & over) & 4 (50 & over) Black, ix-22		
16	Acts 20:25-38 Quiz 5 (46 & over)		
23	Romans 8:1-11 Quiz 6 (42 & over) Black, 23-52		
Mar. 2	Romans 8:12-25 Quiz 7 (38 & over)		
9	Romans 8:26-39 Quiz 8 (34 & over) Black, 53-95		
16	Midterm Exam		
23	Hebrews 7:1-14 Quiz 9 (32 & over)		
30	(Spring Recess; no class)		
Apr. 6	Hebrews 7:15-28 Quiz 10 (30 & over) Black, 96-119		

- 13 1 Peter 1:1-12
Quiz 11 (28 & over)
- 20 (G. W. Presbytery meeting)
- 27 1 Peter 1:13-25
Quiz 12 (26 & over)
Black, 120-142
- May 4 Quiz 13 (25 & over)
Black, 143-198
- 11 Final Exam