

#202 Basic Greek 2
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COURSE INFORMATION

Course description

Prescribed for students with a cursory knowledge of NT Greek. Review of basic elements of Greek; vocabulary mastery of words occurring 100 or more times in the NT; introduction to additional grammar with emphasis on reading; translation of 1 John from Greek to English.

Course objectives

Basic Greek 2 is designed to cover the second half of the Basic Greek curriculum. We will complete our study of the basic Greek primer. In addition we will translate the book of 1 John in the New Testament. Vocabulary study will progress with the learning of words that occur 100 or more times in the NT. Students also will become familiar with the basic tools used to translate the New Testament.

Course outcomes

Successful completion of this course will provide the following:

- Sufficient knowledge of NT Greek in order to take Intermediate Greek and subsequent courses in NT Greek
- The ability to translate easier portions of the NT from Greek into English, either by sight or by using a Greek lexicon
- The ability to grammatically analyze Greek sentences in the NT
- The ability to follow along in the Greek when others are preaching or teaching from the NT
- A sound foundation for the study of the NT in Greek in preparation for sermons or Bible lessons
- A sound basis for preparing for the NT Greek portion of ordination exams

Required Books

- J. Gresham Machen and Dan G. McCartney, *New Testament Greek for Beginners*, 2nd edition

- *The Greek New Testament*, 5th Revised Edition, United Bible Societies
- *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*, 3rd Edition, Walter Bauer, Frederick William Danker, William F. Arndt, F. Wilbur Gingrich (BDAG)
- Bruce M. Metzger, *Lexical Aids for Students of New Testament Greek*, 3rd Edition

Recommended Books

These are in addition to the required books listed above.

- *Novum Testamentum Graece* (Nestle-Aland), 28th Edition, Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft
- Bruce M. Metzger, *A Textual Commentary on the Greek New Testament*, 2nd Edition.
- Clinton Morrison and David H. Barnes, *New Testament Word Lists for Rapid Reading of the Greek Testament*

Textbook assignments

The textbook for this class is J. Gresham Machen, *New Testament Greek for Beginners* (2nd edition). This semester we will be completing the book, Lessons 18-34.

Read each lesson carefully, writing down the various forms and rules as they are presented; this can be organized into your own elementary Greek grammar, which you will consult often.

At the end of each lesson there are written exercises. Please do these completely—both the Greek to English and English to Greek sentences. These are checked and corrected during the class on which they are due. Assignments completed late will receive half credit.

Translation assignments

As we complete the grammar the class will translate 1 John from Greek into English. Assignments are due according to the schedule below. As much as possible, translating should be done using the tools and methods described in class. Please also use the format described in class.

Quizzes

At the end of each lesson in Machen you will take a quiz. For vocabulary, English definitions will be given, and you are to write the appropriate Greek word. Each quiz will be cumulative, including review from previous lessons. Quizzes also will include grammatical material from the current and previous lessons. Because of the inclusive nature of these quizzes, no additional tests will be given this semester.

After the book is completed, regular vocabulary quizzes will be conducted. Vocabulary will be taken from the various categories of usage in Metzger's *Lexical Aids for Students of New Testament Greek*.

It is recommended that you buy or make vocabulary cards, with Greek on one side and English on the other. These are very helpful in learning and reviewing vocabulary. Also, be sure you are able to write the word in Greek, correctly spelled and accented.

Class attendance

Since much of the learning and drill in learning this biblical language takes place in class, attendance will be expected, unless you are providentially hindered. Part of the grade for the course will be based on class attendance, preparation, and participation.

Grading

Your final grade will be based on these results:

Attendance and participation	20%
Assignments	45%
Quizzes	35%

Course schedule ("w" = weekend)

Jan.	23		13	(President's Day, no class)	
	25	18A	15	21B	
	26	18B	16	22A	
	w	Vocabulary Review Quiz & Review Quiz on λύω & εἶμι	w	Quiz 21	
	30		20	22B	
			22	23A	
Feb.	1	19A	23	23B	
	2	19B	w	Quizzes 22 & 23	
	w	Quiz 18	27	24A	
	6	20A	Mar.	1	24B
	8	20B		2	25A
	9	21A	w	Quiz 24	
	w	Quizzes 19 & 20	6	25B	

	8	26A
	9	26B
	w	Quizzes 25 & 26
	13	27A
	15	27B
	16	28A
	w	Quiz 27
	20	28B
	22	29A
	23	29B
	w	Quiz 28
	27	(Spring recess)
	29	(Spring recess)
	30	(Spring recess)
	w	Quiz 29
	3	30A
	5	30B
	6	1 John 1:1-4
	w	Quiz 30
	10	31A; 1 John 1:5-10
	12	(GW Presbytery, no class)
	13	32A; 1 John 2:1-8
	w	Quizzes 500+ & 200+
	17	33A
	19	1 John 2:9-17
	20	1 John 2:18-25
	w	Quiz 150+
	24	34A (2 nd ed.);
		1 John 2:26 – 3:3
	26	1 John 3:4-14
	27	1 John 3:15-24
	w	Quiz 120+
May	1	1 John 4:1-12
	3	1 John 4:13-21
	4	1 John 5:1-12
	w	Quiz 100+ &
	8	1 John 5:13-21
	10	Quiz on λύω and δίδωμι
	11	