

**IST2037-1-SP14 1022: New Testament Greek Exegesis
Spring Quarter 2014**

MONDAY-THURSDAY, 5:00-6:00 P.M.

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Course Description: This course is the final course of a year-long sequence designed to give students the ability to read and interpret Koine (or Hellenistic) Greek. Such ability is essential for students who wish to understand the New Testament, the Septuagint (and “Old Greek”), other Jewish literature, early Christian literature, and other Mediterranean literature. The fall and winter quarters of this course are devoted to giving the student the ability to read Greek at a basic level. These quarters will include a survey of Greek grammar and the development of a basic Greek vocabulary. The spring quarter will primarily be devoted to the reading and exegesis of Greek texts and will further develop the student’s vocabulary and the student’s understanding of Greek grammar.

Course Goals: This year-long sequence will endeavor to do the following:

- Develop in the student an aptitude for reading Koine Greek, with (not overly reliant) help from a lexicon and a grammar.
- Sharpen the student’s linguistic skills.
- Incite the student to appreciate the beauty and uniqueness of the Greek language.
- Give the student an understanding of Hellenistic cultures through the study of the Greek language.

Course Outcomes: Students should possess the following competencies when they complete this year-long sequence:

- The ability to read the Greek New Testament and Septuagint with the help of a lexicon and grammar.
- The ability to read other Greek texts from the same period with the help of a lexicon and grammar.
- The ability to apply important linguistic principles to Greek (and other languages).
- The ability to understand and evaluate commentaries and other scholarship on Greek texts and the ability to evaluate English translations of the New Testament, Septuagint, and other literature.

Required Text:

Croy, N. Clayton. *A Primer of Biblical Greek with CD*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: W.B. Eerdmans Pub., 2011.

Metzger, Bruce M. *Lexical Aids for Students of New Testament Greek*. Baker Academic, 1998.

Goodrich, Richard J. and Albert L. Lukaszewski. *A Reader's Greek New Testament*. 2d ed. Zondervan, 2007.

Recommended Books:

The following books will be referenced during the Spring Quarter. Though they are not necessarily required for the class, they are inordinately useful for reading and interpreting Greek texts and developing competency in reading Greek. I will supply sufficient lexicons for in-class translation exercises.

Greek New Testaments (Critical Editions):

Aland, Barbara, Kurt Aland, Johannes Karavidopoulos, Carlo M. Martini, Bruce M. Metzger. *The Greek New Testament*. 4th revised edition with dictionary. Hendrickson Publishers, 2011.

Institute for New Testament Textual Research. *Novum Testamentum Graece: Nestle-Aland*. 8th revised edition. Stuttgart: German Bible Society, 2012.

Lexicons for the New Testament and Early Christian Literature:

Danker, Frederick W., Walter Bauer, and William Arndt. *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*. 3rd ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2001.

Danker, Frederick W. and Kathryn Krug. *The Concise Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2009.

Course Requirements:

Quizzes (8 of the best 9)	40%
Homework & In-Class Participation	40%
Final Exam	20%

Quizzes: Learning a language requires regular, active engagement with that language. For this reason, this course will require an evaluative component each week. This requirement is not designed to burden you excessively. Rather, it should motivate you to make consistent progress, week by week, and it should ease the pressure you might experience toward the end of the quarter.

Final Exam: A final exam affords you the opportunity to synthesize your understanding of the Greek language. This exam will be comprehensive.

Completion of Exercises: You will be graded on your timely completion of exercises, but you will not be graded on how well you do on the exercises. If you complete all the assignments, you will receive all the allotted points for the exercises. The effort you dedicate to the exercises will greatly improve your performance on quizzes and the final exam.

In-Class Exercises: Developing competency in a second language, even if it is a mostly “dead” language, requires regular interaction and practice. This class will employ several principles from applied linguistics that have proved useful for acquiring competency (and even fluency) in ancient languages. Your participation in these exercises will substantially improve your facility in Koine Greek and speed your acquisition of the language.

A Note on Absences: Attendance is essential for your success in this course. Please make every effort to attend every class. I understand that unavoidable schedule conflicts inevitably arise. If you have an unavoidable conflict or are ill, please let me know as soon as possible, so that we can make other arrangements to keep you caught up.

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SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	LESSON	IN-CLASS WORK	QUIZZES AND EXAMS	EXERCISES DUE
Week 1	March 24				
	March 25				
	March 26				Lesson 28: P&R 1-6
	March 27				Lesson 28: P&R 7-12
Week 2	March 31	Lesson 29		Quiz 1: Lesson 28	
	April 1				
	April 2				Lesson 29: P&R 1-6
	April 3				Lesson 29: P&R 7-12
Week 3	April 7	Lesson 30		Quiz 2: Lesson 29	
	April 8				
	April 9				Lesson 30: P&R 1-6
	April 10				Lesson 30: P&R 7-12
Week 4	April 14	Lessons 31-32		Quiz 3: Lesson 30	
	April 15				
	April 16				Lesson 31: P&R 1-6
	April 17				Lesson 32: P&R 1-6
Week 5	April 21	Greek NTs		Quiz 4: Lesson 31-32	
	April 22		1 Thess 1:1-5		1 Thess 1:6-10
	April 23		1 Thess 2:1-8		1 Thess 2:9-12
	April 24		1 Thess 2:13-16		Philemon 1-7
Week 6	April 28	Manuscripts	Philemon 8-16	Vocabulary Quiz	Philemon 17-25
	April 29		Romans 3:21-26		Romans 3:27-4:3
	April 30		Romans 4:4-12		Romans 4:13-18
	May 1		Romans 4:19-25		Romans 5:1-11
Week 7	May 5	Greek Synopsis	Mt 5:1-12 & parr.	Vocabulary Quiz	Matt 5:13-16, 43-48
	May 6		Mt 8:1-4 & parr.		Mt 8:5-13
	May 7		Mark 1:1-8		Mark 1:9-15
	May 8		Mark 1:16-20		Mark 1:21-28
Week 8	May 12	Commentaries	Luke 1:5-10	Vocabulary Quiz	Luke 1:11-20
	May 13		Luke 1:21-25, 39-45		Luke 1:46-55
	May 14		Luke 1:67-79		Luke 2:1-7
	May 15		John 1:1-18		John 2:1-12
Week 9	May 19	Gk Study Tools	John 8:12-20	Vocabulary Quiz	John 10:7-21
	May 20		Eph 2:1-10		Eph 3:14-21
	May 21		Col 1:1-8		Col 1:9-23
	May 22		1 Tim 1:1-11		1 Tim 2:1-3:1
Week 10	May 26	*Holiday*	*Holiday*	*Holiday*	*Holiday*
	May 27		<i>Didache</i> : TBA	Vocabulary Quiz	<i>Didache</i> : TBA
	May 28		Nicene Creed		
	May 29			Final Exam	