



**TYNDALE**  
Seminary

## Course Syllabus

### Elementary Greek I NEWT 0321

Fall 2011

September 12 to December 12, 2010

Monday: 8:30 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.

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To access your course materials at the start of the course, please go to  
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#### I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course (in conjunction with Elementary Greek II) offers an intensive introduction to the fundamentals of Greek for the study of the New Testament. It is intended for MDiv and other theological students who wish to move quickly into the study of the Bible in the original languages. The course will focus on introductory grammar and vocabulary of New Testament Greek and will prepare the student for subsequent study of syntax and exegesis.

**Course Prerequisites:** None

#### II. LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of Elementary Greek I-II the student will be able to:

- a) Understand the foundational elements of grammar for New Testament Greek
- b) Parse the Greek verb forms studied in class
- c) Recognize the vocabulary for approximately 500 of the most frequently occurring words in the Greek New Testament
- d) Translate sentences in the Greek New Testament with the aid of a dictionary as necessary

### III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

#### A. Required Texts

Penner, Erwin. *A Guide to New Testament Greek*. Toronto: Clements Publishing, 2002. ISBN 1894667115

Aland, Kurt, et al., eds. *The Greek New Testament*. 4<sup>th</sup> edition. Stuttgart: United Bible Societies, 1993. [UBS<sup>4</sup>]. This edition, with a dictionary, will be provided so **do not purchase it**.

#### B. Course Requirements

In order to successfully complete the course the student is required to participate in the following activities:

- a) *Class Participation and Weekly Homework*: 10% of final grade  
Each student is expected to attend and actively participate in weekly lectures. In addition each student is expected to complete weekly homework assignments including textbook reading, textbook exercises, and assigned memorization of vocabulary and grammar.
- b) *Weekly Vocabulary Quizzes*: 30% of final grade\*  
The weekly vocabulary tests will include new words for any given week (approximately 20 per week) as well as a selection from all previous weeks. Details about preparing for quizzes will be given in class. For an outline see course schedule below.
- c) *Weekly Grammar Quizzes*: 40% of final grade\*  
The weekly grammar quizzes will focus on select aspects of the grammar from the previous week's lesson as well as translations from homework sentences (as per the course schedule below). The details as to which aspects of grammar will appear in tests will be provided in class.
- d) *Final Semester Exam* (Dec 13): 20% of final grade.  
This exam will take place at the end of the semester and will test accumulated knowledge up to that point including vocabulary, grammar and especially translation skills. Detailed instruction regarding exam preparation will be given in class.

\* Please note that weekly grammar and vocabulary quizzes occur at the beginning of each lesson (between 8:30 and 8:45). It is therefore imperative to turn up on time in order not to miss the quiz. Quizzes missed for illness (or other legitimate reasons) can be rescheduled for a mutually agreeable time in consultation with the professor.

### C. General Guidelines for the submission of written work

Students should consult the current *Academic Calendar* for academic policies on Academic Honesty, Gender Inclusive Language in Written Assignments, Late Papers and Extensions, Return of Assignments, and Grading System. The Academic Calendar is posted at [www.tyndale.ca/registrar/calendar](http://www.tyndale.ca/registrar/calendar). An excerpt is attached with this syllabus for easy reference.

### E. Summary of assignments and grading

Evaluation is based upon the completion of the following assignments:

Class Participation and Weekly Homework	10 %
Vocabulary Quizzes	30 %
Grammar Quizzes	40 %
Final Semester Exam	20%
Total Grade	100 %

## IV. COURSE SCHEDULE, CONTENT AND REQUIRED READINGS

Date	Class Content	Grammar Quiz	Vocabulary Tests
Sep 12	Lesson 1 (Part I)		
Sep 19	Lesson 2	Q 1	V 1
Sep 26	Lesson 3	Q 2	V 1-2
Oct 3	Lesson 4	Q 3	V 1-3
Oct 10	THANKSGIVING – NO CLASS		
Oct 17	Lesson 5	Q 4	V 1-4
Oct 24	Lesson 6	Q 5	V 1-5
Oct 31	Lesson 7	Q 6	V 1-6
Nov 7	Lesson 8	Q 7	V 1-7
Nov 14	Lesson 9a	Q 8	V 1-8
Nov 21	Lesson 9b	Q 9	V 1-9
Nov 28	Lesson 10	Q 9	V 1-9
Dec 5	Lesson 11	Q 11	V 1-11
Dec 12	Final Semester Exam		

## V. BIBLIOGRAPHY

The following is a partial list of additional resources that will aid in the study of New Testament Greek:

- Bauer, Walter. *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*. Edited by F. W. Danker. 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000.
- Bowne, Dale Russell. *Paradigms And Principal Parts for the Greek New Testament*. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 1987.
- Campbell, Constantine R. *Basics of Verbal Aspect in Biblical Greek*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan, 2008.
- Carson, D. A. *Greek Accents: A Student's Manual*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 1985.
- Chapman, Benjamin and Shogren, Gary S. *Greek New Testament Insert*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Revised. Quakertown, PA: Stylus Publishing, 1994.
- DeMoss, Matthew S. [Pocket Dictionary for the Study of New Testament Greek](#). Downers Grove, Ill.: Intervarsity Press, 2001.
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Zerwick, M. [\*Biblical Greek Illustrated by Example\*](#). Rome: Pontifical Biblical Institute, 1996.

## **VI. Final Comments**

This course seeks to be user-friendly in its approach to learning New Testament Greek with the ultimate goal of facilitating the students to effectively read the Greek New Testament with the aid of a dictionary. In the interest of achieving these desired aims it may be necessary to alter details in the above outlined syllabus.