Introduction:
German is offered periodically here at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary as a service to our students who want to acquire skills in a useful research language. Access to materials written in German is helpful in a wide array of subjects whether exegetical, historical, or theological. In addition, many doctoral programs require proficiency in German as a tool for scholarly research. Technically speaking there is no such thing as “theological German” but the title makes sense if one is referring to the technical vocabulary used by theologians and the context in which we are studying.

Course Objectives:
The Course is organized around three basic goals:
1. To make our way through as much of the basic grammar structure as possible in one semester.
2. To build vocabulary sufficient to begin basic translations.
3. To practice translation on a selection of simple theological texts.

Course Requirements:
There are four requirements in the course:
1. Students are responsible for studying the grammar in advance of the class sessions.
2. Students will prepare the assigned exercises and be ready for class participation including periodic quizzes.
3. Students will sustain a Mid-term exam.
4. Students will sustain a Final exam.

Course Grading:
1. Participation 10%
2. Mini-quizzes 20%
3. Midterm 20%
4. Final 50%

Class Textbook:

Schedule of Classes: (Subject to Change)
Jan 31st  Course Syllabus: Pronunciation, cognates; genders; compounds; plurals
Chapter 2: The Present Tense of Verbs and the Personal Pronouns

Feb  2nd  Chapter 3: The Case Endings

Feb  7th  Day of Prayer 9am-12pm

Feb  9th  Chapter 3, part II: The Case Endings; declension charts

Feb 14th  Chapter 4: Adjectives and Adverbs;

Feb 16th  Chapter 5, part I Prepositions; Chapter 5, part II: Prepositions

READING WEEK Feb 20 - 24th

Feb 28th  Chapter 6; Basic Verb Placement

Mar  1st  Chapter 7: The Pronouns

Mar  6th  Chapter 8: Weak Nouns and Adjectives Uses as Nouns; Chapter 9: The Various Uses of Es: MIDTERM EXAM

Mar  8th  Chapter 10: The Future Tense; Chapter 11: Comparison and Superlative of Adjectives and Adverbs

Mar 13th  Chapter 12: Da-and Wo-Compounds; Chapter 13: Verb Prefixes

Mar 15th  Chapter 14: Verb Tenses (Part I)

Mar 20th  Chapter 15: Verb Tenses (Part II)

Mar 22nd  Chapter 16: The Plurals  Chapter 17: How to Use a German Dictionary

READING WEEK Mar 26th - 30th

April  3rd  Chapter 18: Common Suffixes  Chapter 19: The Modal Auxiliaries

April  5th  Chapter 20: The Zu Construction; Chapter 21: Co-ordinating Conjunctions

April 10th  Chapter 22: Basic Verb Placement (part II)

April 12th  Chapter 23: Dependent Clauses (part I); Chapter 24: Dependent Clauses (part II)

April 17th  Chapter 25: Dependent Clauses (part III)
April 19th  Chapter 26: the Reflexive

April 24th  Chapter 27: The Overloaded Adjective Construction

April 26th  Chapter 28: The Passive; Chapter 29: constructions to be translated Passively in English

May 1st  Chapter 30: Subjunctive I; Chapter 31: Subjunctive II

May 3rd  FINAL EXAM