

GL502CA Basic Greek II

January 22 – May 13

Module 1: Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 23

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Course Description

This is the second semester of a year-long introduction to New Testament (Koine) Greek focusing on morphology, vocabulary, and some syntax. Our ultimate goal is to become more careful, faithful, and diligent students of the New Testament.

Course Objectives

1. To gain an introductory understanding of the grammar and vocabulary of the Greek language at the time of the writing of the New Testament;
2. To begin applying these skills to reading, translating, and interpreting the New Testament;
3. To become more diligent and exact students of the New Testament Scriptures in the original language in order to bring the message of the New Testament more fully and faithfully to bear upon Church and society in today's world.

Course Texts

- Stanley Porter, *Fundamentals of Biblical Greek*, Eerdmans, 2010.
- Stanley Porter, *Workbook for Fundamentals of Biblical Greek*, Eerdmans, 2010.

Recommended Texts

- *Novum Testamentum Graece*: Nestle-Aland (Greek Edition) (Greek) 28th Revised ed. Edition
- *A Reader's Greek New Testament*: Third Edition (Zondervan)

Course Format

As noted above, although we will only meet in person three weekends during the semester, this is a web-enhanced course. ***Weekly online meetings are required (Monday 8:30-9:30 pm; Thursday 7:30-8:30 pm or 8:30-9:30 pm)***. Be sure to have a good internet connection. If you have any trouble accessing your gordonconwell.edu email contact IT right away at helpdesk@gordonconwell.edu.

Grading

- 20% - Attendance (Two absences are permitted/semester for weekly meetings [see weekly schedule below]. Missing an entire Saturday meeting will result in a failing grade for the course! At most, a student may miss one morning or afternoon/semester for the monthly Saturday sessions. If your schedule will cause you unavoidably to miss an entire Saturday meeting, you should by all means drop the course and plan to take it at a future time when your schedule allows. Keep in mind that virtual attendance is always permissible, though the expectation of full participation is the same as for those who attend on campus.)
- 30% - Quizzes (I will drop your lowest quiz grade)
- 20% - Midterm (due no later than 11 pm Fri., Mar 15)
- 30% - Final Exam (due no later than 11 pm Mon, May 13)

Weekly Workload

Each week you will have a number of different tasks to complete, including reading, studying, doing exercises, and taking quizzes. For planning purposes **you should plan to devote ten hours each week** (the seminary standard) to work for this course.

It is imperative that you be faithful in completing the weekly assignments. A language cannot be learned in a few weekends; ***you must pace yourself and spend time working on Greek 6 days/week*** (one day off each week is important). Failure to do so will cause you to quickly fall behind and become overwhelmed by the amount of work necessary to catch up with the rest of the class!

Late Assignments

Accommodations for late quizzes will only be made for grave extenuating circumstances (e.g., birth, death, grave illness). Ministry activities, weddings (besides one's own), the general busyness of life do not constitute legitimate grounds for acceptance of late work. Everyone in the class is busy! It is the responsibility of the student to plan out their semester in such a way as to prioritize this course. **Out of respect for the professor and one's fellow classmates, please do not ask for extensions in these cases!**

Cancellation of Class

In the event the seminary has to cancel a class meeting (impending storm, professor illness, etc.), the Registration Office will send out an email (via the GCTS email account) notification to all students registered in the respective course. If the cancellation occurs the day of the scheduled meeting, the Registration Office will also attempt to contact students via their primary phone contact on record. If a weekend class is cancelled, the class will be made up during the scheduled make-up weekend (Sat., Apr. 27). All students are expected to keep the make-up weekend open for this purpose! Attendance will be required on this weekend just like any other weekend. For more info, consult your Student Handbook.

Extension Policy

Arrangements for submission of late work at a date on or before the end of the semester are made between the student and professor. Formal petition to the Registration Office is not required in this case. However, course work (reading and written) to be submitted after the end date for the semester must be approved by the Registration Office. An extension form, available online, must be submitted to the Registration Office prior to the stated date. Requests received after this date will either be denied or incur additional penalty. For a full discussion of this policy, please consult the Student Handbook.