

'Greek II' (4NT504) – 3 hours

Syllabus

INSTRUCTOR

Dr Bruce Lowe received his first doctorate in Analytical Chemistry and taught, consulted and researched in a university setting over several years in both Chemistry and Chemical Engineering departments. He then completed his MDiv at RTS Orlando, becoming an ordained Presbyterian minister and working in university ministry, as a youth pastor and in church revitalization. He is in the final stages of a doctorate in New Testament Studies, where his thesis has focused on the purpose of Romans through attention to its cultural setting (*Roman's Reason[s] through Roman Culture*). **The languages have not come 'naturally' for Bruce, meaning though that he is in a good position to understand how best to teach a student struggling with Greek. In recent years he has presented two papers on the Greek issues in Romans (in the *Journal of Theological Studies* and at the Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting). The latter conference paper involved translation for the first time into English two Byzantine commentaries on Rom 3.9. Bruce is eager to see students apply Greek to their everyday interpreting of the Bible.**

< Office hrs: **M**, 4-5:30; **Th**, 11.00-12:30. Email me for an appointment; blowe@rts.edu >

COURSE DESCRIPTION

“This course continues the study of grammar, builds vocabulary, and develops techniques for the exposition of the Greek text.” (*RTS 2005-2007 Catalog*, p.64). The aim is to build on what we have learned, especially in the area of verbs, and use the skills we have acquired to translate larger portions of the New Testament and apply the grammatical knowledge we now have to begin doing simple exegesis of the passages under study. Greek only continues to become more enjoyable and rewarding as we add to our knowledge of it.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. That students will considerably improve in their understanding and practical application of Greek.
2. That students will grow in their love and excitement for the language.

3. That students will be well placed to continue into the Advanced Greek Exegesis course, should they choose to take it.

Required Texts

(NOTE: Same as Greek I + Wallace):

1. D.B. Wallace, *Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics*, 1st or 2nd ed., Zondervan, 1997/98 ISBN 0310218950 – (text used for Advanced Exegesis Course as well)
2. W.D. Mounce, *Basics of Biblical Greek: Grammar*, 2nd ed., Zondervan, 2003 (BBG) ISBN 0310250870
3. W.D. Mounce, *Basics of Biblical Greek: Workbook*, 2nd ed., 2003 (WB) ISBN 0310250862
4. United Bible Societies' *Greek New Testament*, with Dictionary, 4th ed. (UBS4) ISBN 3-438-05113-3
5. New American Standard or New King James translation of the Holy Bible.

Course Procedures

Learning a new language is a cumulative project. In other words, if you fail to learn sufficiently any of the foundational concepts it will have a ripple effect throughout the rest of your learning process. Therefore, this class will have frequent testing in order to uncover concepts of Greek grammar on which you need further instruction and with which you need additional help. Every class meeting will begin with either a short quiz over the material covered the previous week or a review exam of the material covered over the last few weeks. For this reason it is imperative that you arrive to class on time. A cumulative final exam will be posted on iqweb which should be emailed back to me within two weeks of the final class (12 midnight).

Grading:

Quizzes **30%**

Review Exams **30%**

Final Exam **40%**

<The grading scale found on page 44 of the RTS Catalog will be used in assigning a final letter grade.>

Schedule:

To gain the most from our class time together please arrive having read the chapter to be lectured on at that class meeting. You do not have to understand in its entirety what you

have read, but you will most easily apprehend the material if you have some familiarity with it. The Parsing, Warm-up, and Translation exercises should be completed in the Workbook for every lesson we cover. These exercises will have a direct relationship with quiz and exam material. The Additional Translations would be beneficial to complete, but not necessary in order to do well in the course. **Please bring all the required books to every class meeting.**

Date	Quiz	Lecture
February 4 th	-----	Chapter 21
February 11 th	Chapter 21	Chapters 22 and 23
February 18 th	Chapters 22 and 23	Chapter 24
February 25 th	Chapter 24	Chapter 25
March 3 rd	<i>Exam</i> Chapters 21 - 25	Chapter 26
March 10th	NO CLASS	
March 17 th	Chapter 26	Chapter 27
March 24 th	Chapter 27	Chapter 28
March 31 st	Chapter 28	Chapter 29
April 7 th	Chapter 29	Chapter 30
April 14th	NO CLASS	
April 21 st	<i>Exam</i> Chapters 26 - 30	Chapter 31
April 28 th	Chapter 31	Chapter 32
May 5 th	Chapter 32	Chapter 33
May 12 th	Chapter 33	Chapter 34 – 35 & Final Exam Review