

'Greek II' (4NT504) 2011

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 (*Debating Romans Relationally*). **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 four different papers on the Greek issues in Romans (3:9 and 4:24-25), James (2:1) and on the issue of Πίστις Χριστοῦ.** He is passionate about teaching Greek for its value in knowing the Lord and his word better.

< Office hrs: **M**, 11-2pm; **Tu**, 5-6pm; **W** 11-1pm; **Th** 11-1pm >

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. R. J. Goodrich & A. L. Lukaszewski, *A Reader's Greek New Testament* 2nd ed. ISBN 9780310273783

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 Self Service which should be posted back on the Self Service emailed back to me within two weeks of the final class (12 midnight).

Grading:

Quizzes **30%** **(9 quizzes to be done at the start of each class, see below)**

Review Exams **30%** **(2 exams, see below for dates)**

Final Exam **40%** **(due Midnight May 24th)**

<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 1 st	-----	Chapter 21
February 8 th	Chapter 21	Chapters 22 and 23
February 15 nd	Chapters 22 and 23	Chapter 24
February 22 nd	Chapter 24	Chapter 25
March 1 st	<i>Exam</i> Chapters 21 - 25	Chapter 26
March 8 th	Chapter 26	Chapter 27
March 15th	NO CLASS (Mid-Term Break)	
March 22nd	NO CLASS (further week off)	
March 29 nd	Chapter 27	Chapter 28
April 5 th	Chapter 28	Chapter 29
April 12 th	Chapter 29	Chapter 30
April 19 th	<i>Exam</i> Chapters 26 - 30	Chapter 31
April 26 th	Chapter 31	Chapter 32
May 3 rd	Chapter 32	Chapter 33
May 10 th	-----	Chapter 34 – 35 & Final Exam Review