

SYLLABUS
NT502 GREEK 1
Reformed Theological Seminary – Washington DC

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Class Term: Sept 8 – Dec 8
Class Schedule: Mondays and Thursdays 5:00-6:30PM
Academic Credit: 3 Semester Hours

Course Description:

This course is the first in a year-long sequence designed to introduce the student to the elements of Koine Greek accent, vocabulary, and syntax. The approach is largely inductive with an emphasis on reading portions of the Greek New Testament from the very beginning. Readings for the first semester will be from the beginning of John's Gospel.

Objectives:

At the end of this semester the successful student will be able to:

1. Decline Greek nouns and adjectives of the alpha-, omicron- and consonant declensions.
2. Conjugate the regular verb (e.g. λύω) in all of its tenses and moods.
3. Conjugate the contract verb (e.g. ποιέω) in all of its tenses and moods.
4. Recognize and use ordinary demonstrative, personal, and relative pronouns.
5. Read the beginning of the Gospel of John with oral fluency and with a complete understanding of every regular verb and noun form encountered.
6. Gain familiarity with Greek parts of speech. Develop basic abilities to do word studies using a Greek lexicon.

Texts:

Stephen W. Paine. *Beginning Greek. A Functional Approach*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1961.

The Greek New Testament. (Fourth Revised Edition) United Bible Societies, 2001.

Grading and Procedures:

Grading for the course will be based on one quiz per week of class (total of 30%); a final examination (50%); and daily preparation and recitation in class (20%). The final examination will be comprehensive, covering all aspects of the semester's work and specifically measuring the student's competence in fulfilling the course objectives. Attendance is required; more than five unexcused absences will result in the loss of one full letter grade (e.g., "A" becomes "B"), and so on for each subsequent group of five absences.

Tentative Schedule

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| Week One (Sept. 8, 11) | Paine, chs. 1-3; Quiz 1 |
| Week Two (Sept. 15, 18) | Paine, chs. 4-6; Quiz 2 |
| Week Three (Sept. 29, Oct. 2) | Paine, chs. 7-8; Quiz 3 |
| Week Four (Oct. 6, 9) | Paine, ch. 9; Quiz 4; Review |
| Week Five (Oct. 13, 16) | Paine, chs. 10-11; Quiz 5 |
| Week Six (Oct. 20, 23) | Paine, ch. 12; Quiz 6 |
| Week Seven (Oct. 27, 30) | Quiz 7; Review |
| Week Eight (Nov. 3, 6) | Paine, chs. 13-15; Quiz 8 |
| Week Nine (Nov. 10, 13) | Paine, chs. 16-17; Quiz 9 |
| Week Ten (Nov. 17, 20) | Paine, chs. 18-19; Quiz 10 |
| Week Eleven (Nov. 24) | Paine, chs. 20-21; Quiz 11 |
| Week Twelve (Dec. 1, 4) | Paine, chs. 22-25; Quiz 12 |
| Week Thirteen (Dec. 8) | Final Exam |