GREEK 1
MINI-SYLLABUS

PROFESSOR

* Dr. Bob Cara (technically, Dr. Robert J. Cara)

* Class formality will approximate a Presbytery meeting. I will call you “Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms. Smith,” and you will call me “Dr. Cara.”

* Office Hours

* No class on final Friday.

* For Greek 2 ...

CLASS PARTICIPATION

* As opposed to my non-language courses, you may ask questions at any time—that have to do with grammar.

STUDY HOURS

* In “theory,” all RTS courses are designed for two hours of work outside of class for every hour in classroom. Many courses do not reach this two-hour criteria; however, language courses usually exceed it.

TEXTBOOKS: REQUIRED

* WD Mounce, Basics of Biblical Greek: Grammar and Workbook

  * Is new and is taking world by storm.
  * The new “Machen.”
  * Acknowledges that seminary students do not know English grammar.
  * Has made quasi break through on reducing chart memorization.
  * Will be textbook for both Greek I and II.
  * Flash-card computer program matched to textbook.
  * Answers for Workbook are at www.teknia.com.

* UBS Greek NT and Dictionary, 4th rev. ed. OR Nestle-Aland’s Novum Testamentum Graece, 27th ed. which is also found in Biblia Sacra. If one gets NA, must also get Newman’s A Concise Greek-English Dictionary of the New Testament.
* Greek text of NA 26, NA 27, UBS 3, UBS 4 are all the same.
* Apparatuses are different. Read intros for more info.
* Any Greek text is fine for class except interlinear or Greek-English!
* Note excellent index of OT/NT quotes and allusions for both UBS and NA.

* M. Silva’s *God, Language and Scripture: Reading the Bible in the Light of General Linguistics* (now included in *Foundations of Contemporary Interpretation*).

  * Silva, Cara’s prof at WTS, is a leading evangelical scholar in NT and a world-known linguistic scholar.
  * This book is included in this course because it is one less thing to cover in Greek Exegesis.

**“TEXTBOOKS”: RECOMMENDED**

* Greek flash cards
  * Put memory clues on back.
  * You can buy blank cards.

* Computer programs
  * Parsons’ “Greek Tutor” is good, clear, and inexpensive.
    * Includes explanations, parsing exercises, audio Greek pronunciations, etc.
  * Hermeneutika’s “Bible Works” is a must for seminary students as you will use it for all classes.
    * One can get by w/out it in Greek 1 and 2, but it is a virtual necessity for Greek Exegesis.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

* Non-Grade

1. Bring Greek NT w/ dictionary and Mounce’s *Grammar* to every class.

2. Read chapters of *Grammar* textbook after we cover them in class.

3. Do exercises in *Workbook* after we cover appropriate chapters in class.

4. Bring and sing *Trinity Psalter*. Lose points if you don’t.

* Grading
1. Quizzes.

* Quizzes will be given everyday (except for test days) and will cover the same material that is in the appropriate Workbook exercises. One quiz will be dropped.

* Quizzes are cumulative as are any tests in a language.
* “90% rule” — 90% correct on a quiz = 100%.
* 30% of total grade.

2. Tests.

* Three cumulative tests.
  Test 1 = including chap 9
  Test 2 = including chap 14
  Test 3 = including chap 20
* NO 90% rule.
* Each test is 20% of total grade. Hence, tests = 60% of total grade.

3. After reading *God, Language, and Scripture*, submit a four-page paper (typed, double-spaced) that includes:

* A statement that you read 100% of book, including the appendix (eye on every word).
* Assume you are presenting a short lecture to adult SS teachers. Chose one topic in Silva’s book that you think would be useful for them to know. Present the lecture (four-page paper) in language that they would understand. (Using your own examples will impress me more than using Silva’s.)
* Due on the Wed following the final. Lateness will be severely penalized (32.2f/s/s).
* 10% of total grade.

**NOTE**

* At RTS-C, the faculty does not follow the catalog where it states that “a grade of C or better is required to continue in the sequence of language courses” (p. 38 of *2001-2003 RTS Catalog*). The RTS-C faculty approved that only a D- is required to continue.