

REFORMED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY – WASHINGTON, D. C.

COURSE SYLLABUS
Greek I – 6NT502

Fall Semester, 2011
Mondays and Thursdays, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Optional Tutoring Session, 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm
September 12 – December 12

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: An introduction to the Greek language of the New Testament Scriptures.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. To glorify God by and while learning to read the New Testament in its original language.
2. To enable the student to read and translate from portions of the Greek New Testament.
3. To aid the student in preparation of teaching the Scriptures.
4. To equip the student to understand lexical aids and commentaries on the New Testament.

REQUIRED Text:

- S.M. Baugh. *A New Testament Greek Primer*. P&R Publishing, 2009.

This class will cover lessons 1-22 in Baugh's text.

REQUIRED Software:

- Logos Bible Software. Original Languages Library or Higher. Available at <http://www.logos.com/Academic/rtsc/Required>. Instruction in this software (and required assignments) will be provided during Greek I, Greek II, and Greek Exegesis classes.

For Greek Exegesis (the third class in the Greek cycle), it is highly recommended that students purchase *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Early Christian Literature, 3rd Edition*, by Bauer, Danker, Arndt, and Gingrich (usually known as BDAG). This can be purchased in print or through Logos.

REQUIREMENTS:

Attendance: Students are required to attend class lectures and discussions. If you know you cannot make it to a class session, you must notify the instructor **in advance**. Failure to attend a significant number of classes *with “significant” being defined at the discretion of the instructor* may result in failure of the class.

Tutoring Sessions: The tutoring sections from 6:30-7:15 each day are optional. However, if a student’s quiz average falls below 80, these sessions will be mandatory. Students should therefore plan their schedule assuming that they are committed until 7:15 each evening.

Homework: Students are required to complete and hand in all assigned homework.

- Full credit requires all homework completed on time and corrected in a different color ink with the key.
- Partial credit for incompletely done homework, late homework, or homework not corrected with the key.
- No credit for homework not handed in.
- Some homework assignments will require the use of the Logos software. These homework assignments will be submitted by email.

Quizzes: At the **beginning** of each class, students will be quizzed covering the **cumulative** grammar and vocabulary in the course. (Students should not expect to arrive late and be able to take the quiz.) There will be **NO** “make up” quizzes if a student is absent. However, the lowest **three** quiz grades will be dropped.

Midterm and Final: The midterm exam and final exam will include the same type of material included in the homework and/or quizzes.

TOTAL GRADE:

The final grade for the course will be the total of each of the required assignments listed above.

Homework (5%)

Class Performance (5%)

Quizzes (30%)

Midterm Exam (20%)

Final Exam (40%)

The instructor reserves the right to adjust grades based on each student’s attendance at class and participation in classroom exercises.

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 17 – Review Session

October 20 – Midterm Exam

November 24 – No Class – Thanksgiving

December 8 – Review Session

December 12 – Final Exam

Note that Greek II starts immediately after the end of Greek I.

NOTE!!!

- **Don't get behind!** A language course is by necessity cumulative. If you get behind, you will be simultaneously trying to learn old and new material. This is a recipe for disaster!
- **Be consistent!** Studying a language is much more effective if done daily. You did not learn English (or whatever your native tongue may be) by looking at it once per week. Do not expect to learn Greek that way either!
- **Take small bites!** Four half hour study sessions are noticeably more effective than one two hour session.
- **Ask questions!** Class time is meant to serve the students. Take advantage of the time you have. Don't just keep your head down and try to fake your way through if something does not make sense.
- **Contact the professor or teaching assistant for one-on-one help!** Do not hire an outside tutor, and don't merely look up the answer. Get help if you need it.
- **Trust in the Lord!** Generations of seminarians have successfully learned Greek. You can, too.