

**INTERMEDIATE GREEK GRAMMAR**  
**New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary**  
**Biblical Studies Division**  
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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandment through the local church and its ministries.

### **COURSE PURPOSE**

This purpose for this course is to consolidate translating skills gained in the introductory course and to develop exegetical skills for studying the Greek New Testament.

### **CORE VALUES**

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. This course addresses Doctrinal Integrity specifically in that the course is designed to prepare the student to grow in the understanding and interpreting of the Word of God. Characteristic Excellence is also addressed in that the student should be as prepared as possible to be ministers for Christ. Mission Focus is emphasized in that interpreting the Bible is a key element in presenting the Good News of the Gospel to the world. Proper interpretation is vital in fulfilling the Great Commission. This course addresses the competency of Biblical Exposition by preparing the student to interpret and communicate the Bible accurately. *The core value for NOBTS this year is Mission Focus.*

### **KEY COMPETENCIES**

The Seminary has seven key competencies in its academic program. They are: Biblical Exposition, Christian Theological Heritage, Discipleship Making, Interpersonal Skills, Servant Leadership, Spiritual and Character Formation, and Worship Leadership. *The key competency addressed in this course is Biblical Exposition.*

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is designed to augment the student's grasp of Greek grammar as presented in the introductory course and to advance the student's understanding of syntactical features of New Testament Greek. The course also will strengthen additional exegetical skills by sentence-flow diagramming. Intermediate Greek, while helpful to any student wishing to go further in understanding New Testament Greek, is required for language track students. Intermediate Greek Grammar is prerequisite for Advanced Greek Exegesis;

Advanced Greek Grammar; Readings in Hellenistic Literature; and Textual Criticism of the Greek New Testament.

### STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students who complete this course successfully will:

- Understand the vocabulary and grammatical principles needed to translate and interpret the Greek New Testament
- Demonstrate the application of the grammatical concepts to the translation and exegesis of the Greek New Testament
- Be able to communicate clearly the meaning of selected New Testament passages based on a grammatical exegesis of the Greek text

### COURSE TEACHING METHODS

The course will involve the following methodologies:

- The material for each lesson will be introduced in a lecture format.
- Students will read material in the assigned textbooks
- Students will practice the skills and reinforce the content discussed in class through daily translation assignments and classroom exercises, which will include small and large group activities

### TEXTS:

- Mounce, Bill, *A Graded Reader of Biblical Greek*.
- *Either* Brooks and Winbery, *A Morphology of New Testament Greek*.  
*Or* Mounce, *Morphology of Biblical Greek*.
- *The Greek New Testament* (either the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> edition, United Bible Societies or the 28th edition, Nestle-Aland).
- Warren Trenchard, *The Student's Complete Vocabulary Guide to the Greek New Testament*.
- *Either* Gerald Stevens, *New Testament Greek*  
*Or* William Mounce, *Basics of Biblical Greek*.

Extra credit reading: David Alan Black, *Linguistics for Students of New Testament Greek*, 2<sup>d</sup> ed.

### BIBLE SEARCH PROGRAMS

Each student should acquire a Bible Software program and such is required for those in a specific Biblical Studies degree (like the MA in Biblical Studies, or the MDiv in Biblical Studies or Biblical Languages), with the following being recommended by the Biblical Studies Division: Logos, BibleWorks, and Accordance. For those not majoring in biblical studies or in a Biblical Studies degree program, a free program from online can be used such as <http://mywsb.com> , <http://crosswire.org> and <http://www.e-sword.net> . Please consult with the professor if you have questions on this, and know that special discounts on the three major programs are available for NOBTS students.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Vocabulary exams will be given at the beginning of the class on the days listed in the syllabus. The exams will be based on the word frequency list on pages 128-236 of Trenchard. See below on syllabus for the testing schedule. **15%**
2. The student will turn in a written translation of the assigned passage each day. **10%**
3. Class participation and translation/location. The student should read the pertinent sections in a selected grammar each day. The student also should be able to translate the assigned passages for each day, locating all words. **10%**
4. Embedded assignment (See details below) **15%**
5. Two (2) sectional exams will be given. Each exam will concentrate on the material studied since the previous exam. **15% each= 30%**
6. The final exam will be comprehensive. **20%**

**ASSIGNMENTS:****WEEK 1: August 25, 27**

- T Introduction, The Greek alphabet, accents, and pronunciation.  
Th First declension nouns and adjectives. 1 Jn. 1:1-6

**Week 2: September 1, 3**

- T Second declension nouns and adjectives. 1 Jn. 1:7-2:2  
Th Vocabulary Test 1. Third declension nouns and adjectives. 1 Jn. 2:28-3:6

**Week 3: September 8, 10**

- T More third declension nouns and adjectives. Jn. 15:1-11  
Th Vocabulary Test 2. Comparison of adjectives and the article. Jn. 15:12-21

**Week 4: September 15, 17**

- T Personal, possessive, and reflexive pronouns. Mk. 1:1-13  
Th Vocabulary Test 3. Demonstrative, indefinite, and interrogative pronouns. Mk. 8:27-36

**Week 5: September 22, 24**

- T Vocabulary Test 4. Relative Pronouns and Prepositions. Mk. 8:37-9:8  
Th **SECTIONAL EXAM**

**Week 6: September 29, October 1**

- T Introduction to the verb system. Present/imperfect tenses. Mt. 6:7-15  
Th Vocabulary Test 5. Future tense. Rom. 3:21-26

**Week 7: October 6, 8**

- T Liquid verbs. James 1:12-21  
Th Vocabulary Test 6. First aorist. Phil. 2:5-13

**Week 8: October 13, 15**

- T Second Aorist. Mt. 13:10-17  
Th Vocabulary Test 7. Perfect tense. 1 Pet. 1:13-21

**Fall Break      October 19-23****Week 9:    October 27, 29**

T Vocabulary Test 8. Pluperfect tense. 1 Tim. 4:11-16  
 Th **SECTIONAL EXAM**

**Week 10:   November 3, 5**

T Subjunctive mood. Lk. 24:1-8  
 Th Vocabulary Test 9. Optative mood. Ephes. 1:3-14

**Week 11:   November 10, 12**

T Conditional sentences. Acts: 2:32-42  
 Th Vocabulary Test 10. Imperative mood. 2 Thess. 2:1-8

**Week 12:   November 17, 19**

T Infinitives. Heb. 5:11-6:3  
 Th Vocabulary Test 11. Formation of Participles (Present, Aorist, Perfect). Heb. 6:4-12

**Thanksgiving Break      November 23-27****Week 13:   December 1, 3**

T Adjectival Participles. Rev. 5:1-10  
 Th Vocabulary Test 12. Adverbial Participles. Psalm 41:1-12

**Week 14:   December 8, 10**

T mi Verbs. Didache 1:1-6  
 Th Vocabulary Test 13. Review. Didache 11:1-6

**Week 15:**

**FINAL EXAM: Thursday, December 17 from 9:00-11:00 AM**

**Vocabulary Exams**

- Test 1    o(, h(, to/ -- maqth/j (6 blocks)
- Test 2    lamba/nw - lao/j (6 blocks)
- Test 3    sw=ma - kalo/j (5 blocks)
- Test 4    o(fqalmo/j - (Ierousalh/m (5 blocks)
- Test 5    shmei=on - i(ma/tion (5 blocks)
- Test 6    proskune/w - tuflo/j (4 blocks)
- Test 7    alra - qerapeu/w (4 blocks)
- Test 8    (Ioudai/a - peira/zw (4 blocks)
- Test 9    pe/nte - dei/knumi (4 blocks)
- Test 10    diaqh/kh - o(moi/wj (3 blocks)
- Test 11    sunei/dhsij - i)sxu/w (3 blocks)
- Test 12    musth/rion - o)mnu/w (3 blocks)
- Test 13    o(mologe/w - katalei/pw (3 blocks)

## Exegetical Embedded Assignment

### Details:

- The student will write a 4-page, single-spaced paper with the following four elements: Translation and location of specified Greek verbs in the text (see class handout). Use the class handout for a hardcopy of this assignment, available on the class webpage.
- Two word or phrase studies in the grammatical structure of the text (1 page each = 2 total pages)
- Application derived from the above exegesis to a contemporary ministry context (sermon brief, or teaching outline, or an explanation of the application, etc., 1 page)
- Attach a bibliography to the paper of resources consulted

### Extra Credit Reading

The student may earn a maximum of three (3) points extra credit to be added to the final average by reading the book *Linguistics for Students of New Testament Greek* by David Alan Black and writing a two page, single spaced critique of the book. The critique must be turned into the professor by last class period. For every day that the critique is late, one point will be subtracted from the extra credit. Points also will be deducted for critiques that are poorly written (bad grammar, etc.). By turning in a critique the student affirms that he/she has read the entire book.

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**COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT RUBRIC – EMBEDDED ASSIGNMENT  
EXEGETICAL PROJECT  
NTGK 6300 INTERMEDIATE GREEK GRAMMAR FOR EXEGESIS**

**Student** \_\_\_\_\_ **Site** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Format** \_\_\_\_\_ **Semester** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

1. The student will understand the vocabulary and grammatical principles needed to translate and interpret the Greek NT
2. The student will demonstrate the application of the grammatical concepts to the translation of the Greek NT
3. The student will be able to communicate clearly the meaning of selected NT passages based on a grammatical exegesis of the Greek text

**Assignment Description:**

1. Demonstrate a competency with Greek vocabulary and grammatical principles on the translation and location portion of the paper.
2. Identify accurately the importance of grammatical structures in the exegesis of a NT text in the assigned paper.
3. Communicate the implications of the exegetical meaning of the NT passage for a current context in the assigned paper.

**Assignment Details:**

The student will write a 4-page paper with the following elements:

- a. Translation of a NT text and the location of selected Greek words in the text (one page)
- b. Study of two grammatical structures in the text: word or phrase studies (one page each = two pages total)
- c. An application of the exegetical meanings derived from the above studies to a contemporary context (one page, can be a sermon brief, a teaching outline, or an explanation of the application)
4. Attach a bibliography to the paper of resources consulted

DOMAIN	LEVEL	INADEQUATE (0 PTS)	BASIC (1 PT)	COMPETENT (2 PTS)	GOOD (3 PTS)	EXCELLENT (4 PTS)
UNDERSTANDING The Student:	Understands the vocabulary and grammatical principles needed to translate the Greek New Testament					
APPLICATION The Student:	Applies the grammatical concepts to the translation of the Greek NT					
COMMUNICATION The Student:	Communicates clearly the exegetical meaning of the Greek NT based on a grammatical analysis of selected texts					