



NEW ORLEANS
BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

ADVANCED GREEK for Exegesis (NTGK 6351)
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NOBTS MISSION STATEMENT:

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the study of Greek syntax. Translation and vocabulary skills will be developed by daily translation of selected New Testament passages, but the main focus of the course is the analysis of the passage from the perspective of syntax. Intermediate Greek Grammar or its equivalent is a prerequisite for this course.

STUDENT OUTCOMES:

The desired student outcomes for this course include the following:

1. Students should understand the categories and functions of Greek syntax.
2. Students should gain an increased appreciation for how the study of Greek enhances Biblical interpretation.
3. Students should acquire the ability to analyze syntactical relationships in a Greek text and apply this analysis to sound interpretation of the text.

COURSE TEACHING METHODS:

This course will be taught via a combination of pedagogical methods, including but not limited to the following: lectures, student assignments, small group work, computer resources, textbook reviews, and student presentations in class. Both inductive and deductive approaches to learning Greek grammar and syntax will be utilized.

TEXTBOOKS:

James A. Brooks and Carlton L. Winbery, *Syntax of New Testament Greek*
Daniel Wallace, *Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the NT*
The Greek New Testament (UBS GNT 5th ed. or Nestle-Aland *Novum Testamentum* 28th ed.)

One of the following commentaries on Philippians:

- 1) William Varner, *Philippians: A Handbook on the Greek Text*, Baylor Handbk on the Gk Text (2016)
- 2) Joseph Hellerman, *Philippians, Exegetical Guide to the Greek NT* (2015)
- 3) Gerald Hawthorne & Ralph Martin, *Philippians*, Word Biblical Commentary (2015).

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING:

(1) Review/Summary cards. The student is required to prepare summary cards of the items studied in the course. These cards will be reviewed periodically by the professor, then returned to the student. The

cards should be typed (the Greek may be handwritten) and of such a size that they fit inside the cover of the GNT for reference use both during the course and beyond. 20%

(2) Class participation, written assignments, and commentary readings. The student is expected to do the exercises assigned for each day and to be able to translate the assigned text when called upon. Also, readings from a Greek-language based commentary must be done on the assigned passages, with students assigned certain days for leading the commentary discussion. 15%

(3) Two sectional exams will cover especially the material studied within that course section. 20% each

(4) The final exam is comprehensive. 25%

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend and participate in the class sessions. Any student missing more than nine hours may receive an automatic grade of “F” for the course. Three tardies will count as one absence.

Technical Assistance

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. Selfserve@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the Selfserve.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. Canvas.NOBTS.com Click on the “Help” button for technical questions/support requests regarding the NOBTS Canvas System. You can also email questions to Canvas@nobts.edu.
3. ITCSupport@nobts.edu - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. www.NOBTS.edu/itc/ - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

Help for Writing Papers at “The Write Stuff”

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, & valuable information to help in becoming a better writer. A copy of the approved NOBTS Style Guide can be found in the course Canvas shell, or online at the Writing Center’s page on the seminary website at: <https://www.nobts.edu/resources/pdf/writing/StyleGuide.pdf>

Plagiarism on Written Assignments

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

ASSIGNMENTS: (B-W = Brooks and Winbery, W = Wallace)

DATE	TOPIC
Week 1: Jan. 17	Introduction to the course. Introduction to syntax. Types of Greek sentences. B-W, 154-163; W, 1-30. Phil. 1:1-2
Week 2: Jan. 24	Syntax of the nominative and vocative cases. B-W, 1-7 and 64; W, 31-71, Diagram Phil. 1:1-2 Syntax of the genitive and ablative genitive case. B-W, 8-31; W, 72-136. Phil. 1:3-6
Week 3: Jan. 31	Syntax of the genitive and ablative genitive case. B-W, 8-31; W, 72-136. Phil. 1:7-11 Syntax of the dative case. B-W, 31-37; W, 137-175.
Week 4: Feb. 7	Syntax of the locative and instrumental cases. B-W, 37-49. Phil. 1:12-20
Week 5: Feb. 14	Syntax of the accusative case. B-W, 49-63; W, 176-205. Phil. 1:21-2:4
Week 7: Feb. 21	MARDI GRAS—no class
Week 7: Feb. 28	Syntax of the noun, adjective, article and pronoun. B-W, 70-80; W, 206-389. Phil. 2:5-11 Review for the Exam
Week 8: Mar. 7	SECTIONAL EXAM
Week 9: Mar. 21	Syntax of the present tense. B-W, 82-90; W, 494-539, Phil. 2:11-18

	Syntax of the imperfect tense. B-W, 90-95; W, 540-553
Week 10: Mar. 28	Syntax of the future and aorist tense. B-W, 95-104; W, 554-571, Phil 2:19-26 Syntax of the perfect and pluperfect tenses. B-W, 104-109; W, 572-586
Week 11: Apr. 4	Syntax of voice and the indicative mood. B-W, 109-117; W, 390-447. Phil. 2:27-3:6 Syntax of the subjunctive mood. B-W, 118-127; W, 448-84
Week 12: Apr. 11	SECTIONAL EXAM
Week 13: Apr. 18	Syntax of the optative mood. B-W, 118-127; W, 448-84, Phil. 3:7-4:1 Syntax of the imperative mood. B-W, 127-130; W, 485-493
Week 14: Apr. 25	Syntax of infinitives. B-W, 131-143; W, 587-611. Phil. 4:2-17 Syntax of participles. B-W, 143-152; W, 612-655.
Week 15: May 2	Syntax of participles. B-W, 143-152; W, 612-655. Clauses in the subject. Syntax and exegesis: how to gain the most from it. B-W, 163-186; W, 656-725. Phil. 4:18-23
Week 16: May 9	FINAL EXAM

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