

COURSE SYLLABUS

LIBERTY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND GRADUATE SCHOOL

NGRK 506

GREEK LANGUAGE TOOLS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An introduction to the biblical Greek alphabet, word formation, the verbal system, and syntax. Emphasis is placed on developing skills in the use of concordance and lexicons, as well as the use of various linguistic helps and differing English translations.

RATIONALE

Many ministers struggle with study and sermon preparation. They need help in deeply understanding biblical texts. Resources to help with exegesis and with the original language are expensive and sometimes intimidating to use. This course will help students make the most of the resources available, so they can study the meaning of God's word very deeply. The word study and exegesis skills gained will help students to become more effective preachers and teachers of God's word. It will help them to develop the skills and habits that make an effective preaching/teaching ministry possible.

I. PREREQUISITES

None

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASES

Brown, Robert K. and Comfort, Philip W. (Translators), Douglas, J. D. (Ed.)
New Greek English Interlinear New Testament. Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 1993. ISBN: 0842345647

Mounce, William D. *Greek for the Rest of Us: Using Greek Tools without Mastering Biblical Languages*. Paperback edition. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2007. ISBN: 0310282896.

Perschbacher, Wesley. *The New Analytical Greek Lexicon*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1990. ISBN: 0943575338.

Strong, James, John Kohlenberger III, and James A. Swanson. *The Strongest Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2001. ISBN: 0310233437. (Note: There is no need to buy this book if the student is comfortable

using a CD-ROM version. If the student prefers a hard copy, this is the best edition to buy. Older editions of Strong's may also be used.)

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING

- A. Computer with Internet access (broadband recommended)
- B. Microsoft Word
(Microsoft Office is available at a special discount to LU students.)
- C. Bible. In addition to the above interlinear New Testament, the student should also own at least three good translations. The following are recommended: KJV, ASV, NASB, NIV, NKJV, *The Amplified Bible*. Bible software for a computer is fine.
- D. A Greek font for Microsoft Word. Liberty University is not in any way affiliated with or endorsing the sites below, but you can download free Greek fonts from either of them if you wish.
 - <http://www.tyndale.cam.ac.uk/tyndale/Fonts.htm>
 - <http://www.paradigm-sw.com/gfp/font.htm>
 - http://www.teknia.com/free_fonts?q=tekniagreek
 - <http://www.bibleworks.com/fonts.html>

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

In order to successfully complete this course, the student will:

- A. Develop exegetical skill by writing an exegesis paper.
- B. Develop the ability to use certain Greek language tools.
- C. Learn basic syntax.
- D. Learn basic principles and vocabulary of Greek grammar.
- E. Learn the Greek alphabet, the definite article, and some prepositions.
- F. Understand exegetical procedure.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Textbook readings and study materials
- B. Skill Drills

Each week, the student will complete a number of ungraded "Skill Drills," giving him or her practice with the concepts and techniques taught in a particular lesson.

- C. Two-Page Essay

The student will write a two-page double spaced essay on the importance of good exegesis, based on the Module 1/Lesson 1 reading assignment. The essay will be due at the end of Week 1.

D. Exegesis Paper

The student will write a fifteen-page paper with solid research on an assigned passage of scripture. The paper will demonstrate the use of Greek reference tools and quality exegetical commentaries to produce an interpretation of the assigned passage, and will include a section on the application of the student's interpretation. An appendix to the paper will be a sermon or Bible study lesson reflecting the research done for the paper. The student's assigned passage will be provided by the instructor after completion of the first week of the course. The Exegesis Paper will be due in Week 8.

E. Exams (2)

The student will complete two exams: a midterm covering Modules 1–4, and a final covering Modules 5–8. The exams will be closed-book, and will each consist of 50 multiple-choice and true/false questions.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

A. Weight

Two-Page Essay	10%
Exegesis Paper	50%
Midterm Exam	20%
Final Exam	20%
Total	100%

B. Scale

A = 94–100 B = 86–93 C = 75–85 D = 68–74 F = 0–67

C. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact the DLP Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at dlpodas@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations.