

Florida International University
New Testament Greek I
RLG 5262

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Course Description: This course will introduce student to the Greek of the New Testament. We will study the alphabet and its pronunciation, survey grammatical forms and sentence structure, and develop a solid vocabulary consisting of commonly used words. Plenty of time will be devoted to translating actual sentences and later whole passages from Greek into English. Along with this, we will also discuss the best techniques of translating Greek into English and explore how knowledge of Greek gives new insight into the reading of the New Testament.

Goals: At the end of this course the student will:

- Know the place of New Testament Greek within the history of the Greek language
- Understand the forms and meanings of noun cases in Greek
- Be familiar with verb conjugation in the present, future and imperfect tenses
- Be able to translate simple sentences from Greek to English

Syllabus

Week 1 [August 26, 28] Lessons 1-2.

Week 2 [September 2, 4] Lesson 3.

Week 3 [September 9, 11] Lesson 4.

Week 4 [September 16, 18] Lesson 5.

Week 5 [September 23, 25] Lessons 6-7.

Week 6 [September 30, October 2] Lessons 7-8.

Week 7 [October 7, 9] Lessons 9-10.

Midterm Examination handed out on Thursday.

Week 8 [October 14, 16] Lessons 10-11.

Midterm examination due at beginning of Tuesday class.

Week 9 [October 21, 23] Lessons 12-13.

Week 10 [October 28, 30] Lessons 13-14.

Week 11 [November 4, 6] Lessons 15-16.

Week 12 [November 11, 13] Lessons 16-17.

Week 13 [November 18, 20] Lessons 18-19.

Week 14 [November 25] Lessons 19-20.

**Week 15 [December 2, 4] Review
Final examination handed out.**

**December 11
Final Examination due.**

Textbook

Ray Summers and Thomas Sawyer, *Essentials of New Testament Greek*
(Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 1995). ISBN13: 978-0805410013.

Grading. The grading for this course will be as follows:

Midterm Exam	20%
Final Exam	20%
Vocabulary Quizzes	20%
Attendance and Participation	40%

Midterm and Final Examinations: The midterm and final exams will be take home examinations consisting of sentences in Greek that are to be translated into English. They are **not** open book examinations, though I will allow you to use a dictionary for vocabulary. If you don't have separate dictionary you can use the section at the back of your book, but you cannot look at the lessons in the book.

Quizzes: The first class each week will begin with a vocabulary exam with 10 words being chosen from the vocabulary lists in the lessons being studied that particular week. Your two lowest scores from the semester will be dropped. At the end of the semester, the scores from the 12 best tests will be added and the grading scale will be as follows:

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	below 60

Attendance and Participation: Attendance and participation is very important in this class and the grade is weighted accordingly. You must come to class and come prepared. In each session we will have some time for discussion, but a large part of our time will be devoted to translating the sentences from each lesson. This we will do by each student taking a turn. No one will be perfect in being able to translate every sentence, but you must try.

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