

Oklahoma Baptist University
REL 2903—Elementary Greek I
Fall 2009 Syllabus

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PURPOSE

The OBU Academic Catalog states that this course is to be a study of the fundamentals of the common and cultural language of the Greco-Roman world with emphasis on the Greek New Testament.

This course is based on the premise that "all Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness, in order that the person of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Tim 3:16-17). While affirming the inspiration, authority, and absolute trustworthiness of all Scripture, I also recognize the need to study the Bible analytically lest our faith become naïve and finally mere superstition. Consequently, the ability to read and analyze Greek grammar and syntax is essential. Developing skills in Hellenistic Greek will enable you to approach the text first hand rather than be dependent on a translation. The variety of English translations available demonstrates that every translation is an interpretation. This basic encounter with Greek will increase originality and insight. Furthermore, proficiency in Hellenistic Greek opens a door to Greek culture, improves your understanding of English, develops discipline, and enhances your intellectual capacity.

Jesus stated that the *Shema* (Hear) was the foremost commandment of the Hebrew Scriptures: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord your God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength' (Mk 12:29-30, citing Deut 6.4-5). In obedience to Jesus' words, may you be compelled to finish this course as a transformed person, both academically and spiritually. Indeed, this aim dovetails with OBU's purpose statement:

As a Christian liberal arts university, OBU transforms lives by equipping students to:

- pursue academic excellence
- integrate faith with all areas of knowledge
- engage a diverse world
- live worthy of the high calling of God in Christ

OPPORTUNITIES

1. Develop a basic understanding of the nature of Hellenistic Greek (*koine*) through a grasp of grammar and syntax.
2. Recognize basic patterns in words through a knowledge of signals in word formation.
3. Gain an understanding of basic Greek principles to the point of translating simple sentences.
4. Acquire an appreciation for Greek and a hunger for studying the New Testament in its original language.
5. Be transformed academically and spiritually

TEXTBOOKS

Croy, N. Clayton. A Primer of Biblical Greek. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999.
Aland, Kurt and others, eds. The Greek New Testament. 27th rev. ed. New York: UBS.

EVALUATION

Class Preparation

Students are responsible for completing all assignments *before the class on which they are listed in the course schedule*. Students will be assessed through a variety of methods, including homework assignments, 'pop quizzes', class participation, and class attendance. Homework assignments will be graded at random throughout the course. Late homework will not be accepted for a grade. 'Pop quizzes' will be given on a 'surprise' basis. Students will also be given the opportunity to participate in class by translating on sight and answering questions over the grammatical readings from Croy.

Quizzes

Learning Greek will require continual assessment and accountability. For this reason, announced quizzes will be administered throughout the term. These quizzes might include anything from the grammar, class lectures, or vocabulary. Unlike in baseball, there will be no rain delays or make-up games for quizzes. A minimum of two quizzes will be dropped to accommodate possible absences.

Exams

Three **major exams** will be given (Oct. 2, Nov. 13, and the Final). Make-up exams will be given only in extreme cases (e.g., illness, death in family, participation in an official University activity). In such cases the exam must be scheduled with Janet Burns (x2229 or janet.burns@okbu.edu) either for Thursday afternoon @ 3:30 or Friday morning @ 10:00. Exams should be made up within one week of the date of the scheduled exam.

Assessment

	<i>Possible Points:</i>	<i>Tentative Grading Scale:</i>	
Class Preparation	100	450-500	A
Quizzes	100	400-449	B
Exams (3)	300	350-399	C
		300-349	D
<hr/> Total Points Possible	500	Below 300	F

Absences

Students are expected to attend all class sessions in their entirety (no late entry or early exit).

We are a community of learners and you must be a responsible member. I will not take attendance. If, however, you choose to flaunt this policy, you most certainly will fail the course straight up.

Tutoring

At least two tutoring sessions will be offered weekly through the *Student Success Center*. Drew Melton will be the primary tutor. You are required to attend one session per week.

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Course Schedule.

The course schedule is *tentative* and is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor. (Ex = Exercise; P&R = Practice and Review; EG = English to Greek; E = Even Numbers; O = Odd Numbers; A = All)

Date	Topic	Assignment	Quizzes
W 8/26	Course Introduction		
F 8/28	Lesson 1: Greek Letters and Sounds		Quiz 1
M 8/31	Lesson 1		
W 9/2	Lesson 1	Ex 7 A	Quiz 2
F 9/4	Lesson 2: Present Active Indicative		
M 9/7	No Class (Labor Day)		
W 9/9	Lesson 2	Ex 14: P&R A	
F 9/11	Lesson 2	Ex 14: LXX A; NT A; EG A	Quiz 3
M 9/14	Lesson 3: First Declension Nouns		
W 9/16	Lesson 3	Ex 21: P&R E	
F 9/18	Lesson 3	Ex 21: P&R O; LXX O; NT O; EG O	Quiz 4
M 9/21	Lesson 4: Second Declension Nouns		
W 9/23	Lesson 4	Ex 26: P&R O	
F 9/25	Lesson 4	Ex 26: P&R E; LXX E; NT E; EG E	Quiz 5
M 9/28	Lesson 5: Adjectives		
W 9/30	Lesson 5	Ex 32: P&R A; EG E	Quiz 6
F 10/2	Exam One		
M 10/5	Lesson 6: Prepositions		
W 10/7	Lesson 6	Ex 40: P&R O	
F 10/9	Lesson 6	Ex 40: P&R E; LXX E; NT E; EG E	Quiz 7
M 10/12	Lesson 7: Personal Pronouns		
W 10/14	Lesson 7	Ex 47: P&R O; LXX O; NT O; EG E	Quiz 8
F 10/16	No Class (Fall Free Days)		
M 10/19	Lesson 8: Demonstrative Pronouns		
W 10/21	Lesson 8	Ex 52: P&R E; EG E	
F 10/23	Lesson 8	Ex 52: LXX & NT All	Quiz 9
M 10/26	Lesson 9: Present Middle/Passive		
W 10/28	Lesson 9	Ex 62: P&R O	
F 10/30	Lesson 9	Ex 62: P&R E; LXX E; NT E; EG E	Quiz 10
M 11/2	Lesson 10-11: Imperfect		
W 11/4	Lesson 10-11	Ex 68: P&R 3s; LXX 3s; NT 3s	
F 11/6	Lesson 10-11	Ex 73: P&R 3s; LXX 3s; NT 3s; EG E	Quiz 11
M 11/9	Lesson 12: Future Active/Middle Passive		
W 11/11	Lesson 12	Ex 81: P&R 3s; LXX 3s; NT 3s	Quiz 12
F 11/13	Exam Two		

Date	Topic	Assignment	Quizzes
M 11/16	Lesson 13-14: Aorist		
W 11/18	Lesson 13-14	Ex 89: P&R 3s; LXX 3s; NT 3s	
F 11/20	Lesson 13-14	Ex 96: P&R 3s; LXX 3s; NT 3s	Quiz 13
M 11/23	Review		
W 11/25	No Class (Thanksgiving Holiday)		
F 11/27	No Class (Thanksgiving Holiday)		
M 11/30	Lesson 15: Perfect		
W 12/2	Lesson 15	Ex 106: P&R O	
F 11/4	Lesson 15	Ex 106: P&R E; LXX E; NT E; EG E	Quiz 14
M 12/7	Lesson 16: Aorist and Future Passive		
W 12/9	Lesson 16	Ex 114: P&R O	
F 12/11	Lesson 16	Ex 114: P&R E; LXX E; NT E; EG E	Quiz 15

Final Exam: REL 2903 A (MWF 8:00–8:50): Wednesday, Dec 16 @ 1:00–3:00 a.m.
REL 2903 B (MWF 9:00–9:50): Monday, Dec 14 @ 3:15–5:15 p.m.