

## **Introduction to New Testament Greek 1 (LG-561) Fall 2021**

The focus of this introductory course, which assumes no prior knowledge of the Greek language, is on the basic grammar and vocabulary of New Testament Greek. Students will begin reading selected passages of the New Testament.

**Meeting Day, Time and Date** Tuesdays from 4-5:50 and Thursdays from 5 to 5:50 p.m., beginning on Thursday, September 9, 2021

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### **Course Syllabus**

Class will meet Tuesdays from 4 to 5:50 p.m., starting on Thursday September 9, 2021 to Tuesday, December 21, 2021. There will be no class on November 23 or 25 – as these fall in our reading week (and Thanksgiving).

**Evaluation** Evaluation for the introductory track will include the following: Class participation 10%; Weekly Quizzes 20 %; Midterm Exam 30%; Final Exam 40%.

**The Aim of the Course** The focus of this introductory course, which assumes no prior knowledge of the Greek language, is on the basic grammar and vocabulary of New Testament Greek. As the course progresses in the Spring semester, students will begin reading selected passages of the New Testament.

**Course Requirements** It is strongly recommended, though not required, that students arrive at the first class already having learned and practiced writing the letters of the Greek alphabet. This alphabet can be found on page 2 of the required textbook, *Essentials of New Testament Greek*, by Ray Summers, revised by Thomas Sawyer.

1. Class presence and participation. (In language study, missing even one class could make catching up extremely difficult.)
2. Weekly memorization and quizzes.
3. Weekly translation assignments.
4. Two exams, midterm and final.

**Assessment Criteria** Work will be graded according to the Hartford Seminary Grading Guidelines. These will be distributed to students at the beginning of the semester.

**Ground Rules** Students who must be absent should contact the professor in advance of the class if at all possible, and are required to be caught up with the rest of the class within two weeks at latest. Assignments should be returned on time, but no more than one week late. Students must be present for the two exams. In case of health related emergencies, arrangements may be made to write the exams later, at a time convenient to the professor, but no more than ten days after the scheduled time for the exams.

**Class Meetings: Week One** September 9

Chapter 1-2 (Summers), Letters and Sounds, Pronunciation

**Week Two** September 14 and 16

Chapter 3, Verbs

**Week Three** September 21 and 23

Chapter 4, Nouns of the Second Declension

**Week Four** September 28 and September 30

Chapter 5, Nouns of the First Declension

**Week Five** October 5 and 7

Chapter 6, Adjectives

**Week Six** October 12 and 14

Chapter 7, The Greek Sentence

**Week Seven** October 19 and 21

Chapter 8, Prepositions – Mid Term Examination

**Week Eight** October 26 and 28

Chapter 9, Personal Pronouns

**Week Nine** November 2 and 4

Chapter 10, Demonstrative Pronouns

**Week Ten** November 9 and 11

Chapter 11, Present Middle and Passive

**Week Eleven** November 16 and 18

Chapter 12, Imperfect Active

**Reading Week** November 23 and 25 No class

**Week Twelve** November 30 and December 2

Chapter 13, Imperfect Middle and Passive

**Week Thirteen** December 7 and 9

Chapter 14, Future Active and Middle

**Week Fourteen** December 14 and 16

Chapter 15, First Aorist

**Week Fifteen** December 21

Final Examination

**Required Texts:**

Summers, Ray, and Thomas Sawyer, *Essentials of New Testament Greek*. B & H Publishing Group, 2014. **ISBN-13:** 978-0805410013 This is the second edition. Please be certain that you purchase the second edition.