

# SYLLABUS

Class: Bible Study Greek

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## Course Description

This course is designed to help students develop skills in the use of biblical language tools for doing exegetical studies in the New Testament. You will learn enough Greek to understand your computer software program, a reverse ainterlinear, a traditional Greek interlinear, a Strong's Bible, do Greek word studies, and use advanced academic reference tools. You will also develop the ability to “phrase” a biblical text.

## Rationale

The New Testament was written in Greek, and all translations are one step removed from what the biblical writers said; the linguistic barrier can hinder our understanding of what the biblical writers meant. But many people do not have time to pursue the traditional approach to learning Greek. This class meets these needs by teaching enough Greek to use the study tools to get behind the English to the Greek, be able to do Greek word studies and read better commentaries, and thus to deepen one's Bible study.

## Prerequisites

None

## Required Textbooks and Resources

1. One of the following tools that will show you the Greek text behind the English.
  1. Interlinear for the Rest of Us, William D. Mounce (Zondervan)
  2. Greek and English Interlinear (NASB/NIV), William D. Mounce (Zondervan)
  3. A software program that can show you the Greek behind the English, such as *Accordance* (preferred), *OliveTree's Bible Study*, or *Logos*. See the description at <https://www.billmounce.com/biblestudygreek/orientation>. At a minimum, the software needs to show you the Greek text, link the Greek words to their English counterparts, and preferably parse the Greek (which means give the details of the Greek like case, number, gender, tense, voice, and mood). The teacher uses *Accordance* for all illustrations.
2. Greek for the Rest of Us: The Essentials of Biblical Greek. William D. Mounce. You will be given a PDF of the new 3rd edition. You do not need to purchase the second edition.
3. Access to the lectures on BillMounce.com (<https://www.billmounce.com/biblestudy-greek/class>). The price of the lectures is included in the tuition.

## **Homework**

Many students in the past have not realized this is an academic class that requires homework. Every chapter requires, at a minimum, an hour to read and watch the lecture online. The time for homework varies from chapter to chapter, but the basic rule is that the more you put into the homework the more you get out of the class.

The professor will start each class by answering any questions you have on the assigned reading, but will not re-teach the chapter. Time is best spent in doing homework. If you don't prepare for class, you will not be able to do the homework.

Because the workbook is currently being written, the student should expect the homework to be revised as we walk through the class.

## **Preparing for class**

1. Before coming to the first class, the student should do the assigned reading in the textbook, watch the online lecture, and attempt to do the homework for chapters 1–3.
2. For the remaining lessons, the student should also do the assigned reading in the textbook, watch the online lecture, and attempt to do the homework before class.

## **Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes**

1. Become comfortable with the Greek alphabet
2. Learn the basics of the Greek noun and verb system so as to make sense of the information shown by the software
3. Learn how to use a reverse and a traditional interlinear
4. Learn to do Greek word studies
5. Learn intermediate Greek grammar for the noun and verbal systems
6. Learn “Phrasing”

## **Taking the class for credit**

If you are taking the class for credit, please go to [Okanagan Bible College](#) to see their requirements for taking this class for credit. They will charge a small amount that is on top of the tuition.

## Class Schedule for Bible Study Greek 2021 (updated 9/8/2021)

Due to my responsibilities at BiblicalTraining.org, this must be only a tentative schedule. Class meets for an hour and a half on Tuesday, starting at 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time. Classes are recorded in case you miss a lecture.

| <i>Date</i> | <i>GRU 3 Chapters</i> | <i>Topics</i>                      |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Sept 7   | Preface               |                                    |
|             | 1                     | Orientation                        |
|             | 2                     | Greek Language                     |
|             | 3                     | Greek Alphabet/Pronunciation       |
| Break       |                       |                                    |
| 2. Sept 28  | 4                     | English Noun Grammar               |
|             | 5                     | Greek Noun Grammar                 |
|             | 6                     | Prepositions                       |
| 3. Oct 5    | 7                     | English Verb Grammar               |
|             | 8                     | Greek Verb Grammar (indicative)    |
|             | 9                     | Greek Verb Grammar (nonindicative) |
| 4. Oct 12   | 10                    | Greek Word Studies                 |
| 5. Oct 19   | 11                    | Modifiers                          |
|             | 12                    | Phrases and Clauses                |
|             | 13                    | Pronouns                           |
| 6. Oct 26   | 14                    | Phrasing 101                       |
| 7. Nov 2    | 15                    | Nominative and Accusative          |
|             | 16                    | Dative and Genitive                |
|             | 17                    | Conjunctions                       |
| Break       |                       |                                    |
| 8. Nov 23   | 18                    | Phrasing 102                       |
| 9. Nov 30   | 19                    | Verbs (aspect)                     |
|             | 20                    | Verbs (tense)                      |
|             | 21                    | Phrasing 103                       |
| 10. Dec 7   | 22                    | Verbs (moods)                      |
|             | 23                    | Verbs (participles)                |
| Break       |                       |                                    |
| 11. Dec 14  | 14                    | Phrasing 104                       |