

SYLLABUS

This syllabus is subject to revision until the first class.

Course Description

This course studies the syntax of *Koiné* (i.e. "Common") Greek by reading Paul's letter to the church at Philippi. This course intends by the end to have the student begin to read the Greek New Testament and to explain its grammar and syntax. The students will build their Greek vocabulary, recognize the form and function of words, and practice reading and analyzing the New Testament. Students will interact with other issues in exegesis such as textual criticism, which are discussed as they arise in the course of reading Philippians.

Course Objectives

1. Students will show an intermediate understanding of the syntax of Koiné Greek.
2. Students will demonstrate increase in the size of their vocabulary of Koiné Greek.
3. Students show increased ability to read and analyze the Greek New Testament.
4. Students will demonstrate the value of knowing Greek for ministry in the Church.

Required Texts

(Texts available at the Providence Bookstore: 433-7110 or 1-800-668-7768; email: bookstore@prov.ca.)

Abbot-Smith, G. *A Manual Greek Lexicon of the New Testament*. 3rd ed. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1937. [Can be alternated with BAGD – see "Greek-English Lexicons" in bibliography below.]

Greek New Testament (preferably *UBSGNT*⁴).

Johnson, David H. *Syntactical Notes on the Language of the New Testament* (Otterburne, Manitoba: Providence Bookstore, 2003).

Metzger, Bruce M. *Lexical Aids for Students of New Testament Greek*, 3rd edition. Baker.

O'Brien, Peter. T. *Commentary on Philippians*, NIGNT (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1991).

Recommended Texts

Zerwick, Max, and Mary Grosvenor, *A Grammatical Analysis of the Greek New Testament*, 5th ed. (Rome: Biblical Institute Press, 1981, 1996).

Course Requirements

1. Quizzes. Students will be responsible for fifteen to twenty daily quizzes over assigned portions of Metzger and NT translation and parsing (the identification of verbal forms). Note that both the translation and the vocabulary are cumulative. 20%
2. Grammatical Analysis. Students will complete ahead of class the grammatical analysis pages assigned for that class. Students will use different ink (or pencil) in class than in pre-class preparation, so the grader can tell what was done at home, and what was done in class. The whole of the notes and grammatical analysis pages will be due at the time of the final exam.

Note that when the questions ask for the "function" of a particular Greek feature, they are asking for the *number* of the correct description in the grammar section at the beginning of Johnson's Syntax Notes. Make sure you include the number as well as grammatical category. As well, the answers to many questions are in O'Brien's commentary. The answers to these questions need to include the correct *page number* from this commentary. The presence or absence of these numbers will affect the grade assigned to your analysis. Also, make a point of using the other reference tools in the few places in which they are assigned.

The instructor will periodically take the workbook in during the semester, to check if students are keeping up. The final grade will reflect consistency in this as well as the quality of the final product. Attach all diagramming to the workbook, to be graded at the end along with the rest of the workbook. 20%

3. Class Participation. Students are expected to be able to translate in class, to ask and to answer questions. Oral Greek reading included. 15%
4. Tests. Students will be tested over syntax lectures and *Notes* and the assigned portions of the Greek NT (both translation and parsing). These three exams will test the student's grasp of syntactic concepts and the application of those concepts to the NT text. 45%

Course Schedule

Sep 9	0. Introduction(Johnson, <i>Syntactical Notes</i> , pages 1-7)		
Sep 13	1. Words	Phil 1:1-2	Metzger, pp 7-10.
Sep 16		Phil 1:3-4	M, pp11-12.
Sep 20		Phil 1:5-6	M, 13.
Sep 23		Phil 1:7-8	M, 14.
Sep 27		Phil 1:9-11	M, 15.
Sep 30	Exam #1 on Notes 0 - 1; Phil 1:1-11		
Oct 04	<i>Class Cancelled - Seminary Intrasession</i>		
Oct 07	<i>Class Cancelled - Seminary Intrasession & Thanksgiving Break</i>		
Oct 11	2. Clauses	Phil 1:12-17	M, 16.
Oct 14		Phil 1:18-23	M, 17.
Oct 18		Phil 1:24-30	M, 18.
Oct 21		Phil 2:1-5	M, 19.
Oct 25		Phil 2:6-11	M, 20.
Oct 28	Exam #2 on Notes 2; Phil 1:12 - 2:11		
Nov 01	3. Sentences	Phil 2:12-18	M, 21.
Nov 04		Phil 2:19-25	M, 22.
Nov 08		Phil 2:26 - 3:2	M, 23
Nov 11	<i>Class Cancelled - Remembrance Day</i>		
Nov 15	<i>Class Cancelled - Seminary Intrasession</i>		
Nov 18	<i>Class Cancelled - Seminary Intrasession</i>		
Nov 22		Phil 3:3-9	M, 24
Nov 25		Phil 3:10-16	M, 7-12
Nov 29		Phil 3:17-4:2	M, 13-16
Dec 02		Phil 4:3-9	M, 17-19
Dec 06		Phil 4:10-16	M, 20-22
Dec 09		Phil 4:17-23	M, 23-24
Dec 13	Exam #3 on Notes 3; Phil 2:12 - 4:23		

Philippians Commentaries

- Bockmuehl, Markus. *Philippians*. Black's New Testament Commentary. Hendrickson, 1997.
- Fee, Gordon D. *Paul's Letter to the Philippians*. New International Commentary on the New Testament. Eerdmans, 1995.
- Hansen, G. Walter. *The Letter to the Philippians*. The Pillar New Testament Commentary. Eerdmans, 2009.
- Hawthorne, Gerald F. *Philippians*. WBC. Waco, Tex.: Word, 1983.
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- Silva, Moises. *Philippians*. Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. Baker, 2005.
- Vincent, M. R. *The Epistles to the Philippians and to Philemon*. ICC. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1897.

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- Blass, F. and A. Debrunner. *A Greek Grammar of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*. Trans Robert W. Funk. Chicago: U. of Chicago Press, 1961.
- Dana, H. E. and Julius Mantey. *A Manual Grammar of the Greek New Testament*. New York: Macmillan, 1957.
- Moulton, J. H. and N. Turner. *A Grammar of New Testament Greek: Vols. I-IV*. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1906 - 1976.
- Porter, Stanley E. *Idioms of the Greek New Testament*, 2nd ed. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1994.
- Robertson, A. T. *A Grammar of the Greek New Testament in the Light of Historical Research*. Nashville, TN: Broadman, 1934.

Wallace, Daniel B. *Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the New Testament*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1996.

Zerwick, Maximilian. *Biblical Greek: Illustrated by Examples*. Trans. Joseph Smith. Rome: Scripta Pontificii Instituti Biblici, 1963.

Greek Concordances

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Kohlenberger, J. R. III, E. W. Goodrick, and J. A. Swanson. *The Exhaustive Concordance to the Greek New Testament*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1995.

Moulton, H. K., S. A. Geden, and W. R. Moulton. *A Concordance to the Greek New Testament*. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1978.

Schmoller, Alfred. *Handkonkordanz zum Griechischen Neuen Testament*. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1938, 1982.

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Bauer, W., W. Arndt, F. W. Gingrich, and F. W. Danker. *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*. Chicago: U. of Chicago Press, 1957, 1979, 2000.

Liddell, H. G. and Scott. *An Intermediate Greek-English Lexicon*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1889.

Louw, J. P. and E. A. Nida. *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament Based on Semantic Domains: Vol. 1 Introduction & Domains; Vol. 2 Indices*. New York: United Bible Societies, 1988.

Textual Criticism

Aland, Kurt and Barbara Aland. *The Text of the New Testament*. 2nd Ed. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1989.

Black, D. A. *New Testament Textual Criticism: A Concise Guide*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 1994.

Comfort, P. W. and D. P. Barrett. *The Text of the Earliest Greek Manuscripts: New and Complete Transcriptions with Photographs* [of papyri and uncials until 300 CE]. Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House, 1999, 2001.

Epp, E. J. and G. D. Fee. *Studies in the Theory and Method of New Testament Textual Criticism*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1993.

Greenlee, J. H. *Introduction to New Testament Textual Criticism*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1964.

Metzger, B. M. *The Text of the New Testament: Its Transmission, Corruption, and Restoration*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1964, 1968, 1979, 2005 (2005 with B. Ehrman).

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