

NEW COURSES FOR 2009

Greek I: Basic NT Greek Grammar

Greek I focuses upon the noun system of the Greek New Testament. Beginning with the Greek alphabet, the course slowly brings students along, introducing students to the four primary cases of the Greek noun system. Although beginners would normally be overwhelmed by such an involved language, the course employs the very student-friendly textbook and system by William Mounce. With this system and textbook, along with the teaching experience and language training of James L. Hayes, the course offers all students an attractive opportunity to be introduced to the texts behind the New Testament.

Greek II: Basic NT Greek Grammar

Greek II continues the Mounce system from Greek I. There are no new textbooks or materials to purchase. While Greek I focused almost exclusively upon the noun system, Greek II focuses entirely upon the verbal system. As with Greek I, the course is extremely student friendly, with small, manageable lessons each week. The course, however, does require memorization of a limited number of vocabulary words each week, with special attention to selected verbs in their various forms. Nevertheless, the student will find that the memorization of grammar rules is kept to a minimum, with the primary thrust of the course focused upon principle and concept. While students who complete Greek I and Greek II are not prepared for actual NT translation, all students who complete the course will find the text much more accessible, and all commentaries and helps which use the Greek will be infinitely more useful. Also, Greek III will be very manageable for all who complete Greek I & II.

Greek III: Intermediate Greek Syntax

While Greek I & II focus upon the basic rules of grammar, Greek III quickly expands the students' workable knowledge of how Koine actually works once it is out of the test tube of grammar rules and books. Greek III begins with students working through passages in the selected workbook(s), which provides helps and notes with each passage. The passages primarily include selections from the New Testament, but they also often are supplemented with selections from the early Church Fathers. Thus, students not only are able to see a broader range of Koine Greek, but are exposed to pivotal writings in the Church's history. Upon completion, students are able to translate the vast majority of the New Testament in a meaningful and accurate way and have the necessary foundation for translating any passage in Koine. Taught by James L. Hayes.

Greek IV: Basic Exegesis

Greek IV is scheduled for Spring 2010. Students will translate a selected book of the New Testament while learning the basic techniques for meaningful and accurate exegesis. Exegesis will focus upon social contexts, rhetorical style, and intertextual interplay. Taught by James L. Hayes.