



Intermediate Greek Grammar (NTGK6300)

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I. MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandment through the local church and its ministries.

II. CORE VALUE FOCUS

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. This course supports these five core values of the seminary.

1. *Doctrinal Integrity:* We believe, teach, proclaim, and submit to the Bible as the Word of God. This course addresses Doctrinal Integrity specifically by equipping students to understand and gain ability to articulate biblical, theological, and historical truths.
2. *Spiritual Vitality:* We emphasize both personal spirituality as a worshipping seminary family gathering together for the praise and adoration of God and instruction in his Word. Spiritual Vitality is addressed by challenging students to grow in spiritual and moral integrity through biblical study and spiritual and ethical practices.
3. *Mission Focus:* We purpose to change the world by fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandment through the local church and its ministries. This course addresses Mission Focus by helping students understand the biblical foundations for fulfilling the Great Commission and Great Commandment.
4. *Characteristic Excellence:* We aim for characteristic excellence to the utmost of our abilities and resources as a testimony to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Characteristic Excellence is addressed by preparing students to excel in their ability to understand and interpret Scripture, which is foundational to effective ministry.
5. *Servant Leadership:* We follow the model of Jesus and exert leadership and influence through the nurture and encouragement of those around us. Servant Leadership is modeled by classroom deportment and lifestyle patterns.

The core value emphasis for this academic year is: Characteristic Excellence.

III. COURSE PURPOSE

This purpose for this course is to consolidate translating skills gained in the introductory course and to develop exegetical skills for studying the Greek New Testament.

IV. CURRICULUM COMPETENCIES

All ministers need to develop specific competencies to have effective ministries. The seminary has developed a competency-based curriculum centered on seven essential competencies for effective ministry: Biblical Exposition, Christian Theological Heritage,

Discipleship Making, Interpersonal Skills, Servant Leadership, Spiritual and Character Formation, and Worship Leadership. This course addresses six competencies directly.

1. *Biblical Exposition*: by preparing students to understand, interpret, and communicate the Bible accurately.
2. *Christian and Theological Heritage*: by reminding students of the Christian theological heritage of the Old and New Testament and Baptist polity for the church
3. *Discipleship Making*: by stimulating church health through mobilizing the church for missions, evangelism, discipleship, and church growth through modeling the principles of discipleship through classroom deportment.
4. *Interpersonal Skills*: by performing pastoral care effectively with skills in communication and conflict management through interaction among students in the class and in small group activities.
5. *Servant Leadership*: by serving churches effectively in team ministry through modeling and reflecting the attitude of Christ in the life of a disciple.
6. *Spiritual and Character Formation*: by providing moral leadership and modeling and mentoring Christian character and devotion through discussion and modeling of spiritual disciplines as a normal part of class discussion and activity.

V. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to augment the student's grasp of Greek grammar as presented in the introductory course and to advance the student's understanding of syntactical features of New Testament Greek. The course also will strengthen additional exegetical skills by sentence-flow diagramming. Intermediate Greek, while helpful to any student wishing to go further in understanding New Testament Greek, is required for language track students. Intermediate Greek Grammar is prerequisite for Greek Exegesis; Advanced Greek Grammar; Readings in Hellenistic Literature; and Textual Criticism of the Greek New Testament. A video describing the course is here:

<http://drkoine.com/classes/intergk/index.html>

VI. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Knowledge

Students who complete this course successfully should:

- Master Greek morphology regarding verb and noun systems and the connection between morphology and grammar
- Increase vocabulary acquisition to words occurring 15 or more times in the New Testament to facilitate reading and use of the Greek New Testament
- Apply Greek grammar and syntax principles that lead interpreters to discover the meaning intended by the biblical author
- Analyze translations according to major translation theories and the basic principles of moving words and ideas from the original language to the receptor language
- Apply understanding of vocabulary, morphology, grammar, syntax, and translation to selected New Testament passages

Attitudes

Students who complete this course successfully should:

- Appreciate the significance of Greek grammar for translation of the New Testament
- Appreciate the richness of the Greek language for the inspired text
- Recognize the importance of original language study for sound exegesis

- Be more confident in interpreting biblical texts

Skills

Students who complete this course successfully should:

- Translate selected portions of the Greek New Testament covering a wide range of genres and authors using appropriate translation aids
- Grasp more deeply grammatical issues in translation that affect an understanding of the biblical text
- Incorporate Greek studies in support of the exegetical and hermeneutical tasks of ministry
- Use critical commentaries based upon the Greek text, in so far as discussion pertains to issues of the Greek language and translation
- Be prepared for taking advanced Greek classes, including syntax and textual criticism, and for taking advanced Greek exegesis classes

VII. TEACHING METHODOLOGY:

- Class sessions will consist of presentations previewing upcoming units of study followed by review of homework exercises of assigned units. Students will lead in presentations in Greek grammar analysis of a New Testament book.
- Class preparation will consist of memorizing assigned vocabulary, reading textbook assignments, preparing presentations, and preparing homework exercises.
- Class units presented are: nine units on the Greek substantive system, five units on the indicative Greek verb, two units on the non-indicative Greek verb, and two units on the mi-verb.

VIII. REQUIRED TEXTS:

- Stevens, Gerald L. *New Testament Greek Intermediate*. Eugene, Ore: Cascade Books, 2008.
- Yarbrough, Robert W. *1–3 John BECNT*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2008.
- *The Greek New Testament*, 5th. rev. Edited by Babara Aland, *et al.* Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 2014.

IX. OTHER RESOURCES:

- *The course professor is Dr. Gerald L. Stevens, and his personal website is:*

<http://www.drkoine.com>

This website is for students in classes taught by Dr. Stevens. The site has a three-fold purpose: (1) to provide personal information to get to know the professor beyond the classroom in the areas of background, family, music and photography, (2) to provide professional information to get to know the professor within the academic guild in the areas of publications, presentations, and sermons, and (3) to provide educational information in support of his teaching career in the areas of classes, travel, and museums.

- To go straight to the Classes page for information about any of Dr. Stevens's classes, use the following link:

<http://drkoine.com/classes/index.html>

- To go straight to the Intermediate Greek Grammar course page with a brief course description, introductory video, syllabus, textbooks used, and related course files, use this link:
<http://drkoine.com/classes/intergk/index.html>
- For NOBTS assistance with technology issues, call ITC (504-816-8180) or consult the following websites.
 - For online registration, financial account, online transcript. etc.:
selfserve.nobts.edu (email: selfserve@nobts.edu)
 - For Blackboard Learning Management system:
nobts.blackboard.com (email: blackboardhelpdesk@nobts.edu)
 - For general technical questions and support requests:
www.nobts.edu/itc/ (email: itcsupport@nobts.edu)
 - For general NOBTS technical help information:
www.nobts.edu/itc/
- NOBTS maintains “The Write Stuff” Center (HSC 290B, x8193) to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and valuable information towards becoming a better writer. Email writingcenter@nobts.edu

X. COURSE REQUIREMENTS and EVALUATION:

- **Research report** will be prepared and due the class sessions of the first week. The details are given in the assignments section of the syllabus.
- **Daily preparation** will include all exercises in the textbook, which potentially could be checked for any class meeting. In addition, the student should be ready to illustrate to the class the grammar being discussed for the day.
- **Exegetical presentations** will be given by the students on the units of 1 John and Luke being translated according to the syllabus schedule. These presentations will focus on how Greek grammar and syntax relate to exegesis. The presentations should include engagement with the assigned commentary.
- **Vocabulary exams** are given *ten minutes before the first class period* on the day scheduled. The seven word frequency lists in the appendix of the textbook are the basis of the seven vocabulary exams.
- **Sectional exams** will be given on the scheduled class period covering material studied since the previous exam. Make-ups must be approved by the professor in advance.
- **Final Exam** is like a third sectional exam, but, as a language course, the final actually is comprehensive by nature.
- **Participation** of students in class will be observed and included in grading.
- **Final Average**

participation	= 05%	vocabulary exams avg.	= 20%
research report	= 05%	sectional exams avg.	= 40%
1 John presentations	= 10%	final exam	= 20%

XI. COURSE POLICIES:

- **Attendance:** Class attendance is expected. For a three-hour class, you are allowed nine hours of absence (less than six 80 minute class periods). Three tardies equals one absence.
- **Etiquette:** Cell phone use is disruptive and discourteous. Silence cell phones before class. Wait for extremely important calls outside class. Do not leave class to take a cell phone call. Help maintain a positive learning environment.

XII. PLAGIARISM:

- **Plagiarism:** NOBTS has a *no tolerance policy* for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

XIII. PRE-WORLKSHOP ASSIGNMENTS:

- **Vocabulary Exam 1:** The first vocabulary exam is scheduled ten minutes prior to the first class session on Monday (12:50–1:00 pm). Therefore, you will have to prepare for this exam before the class begins. This exam will have twenty Greek words for which you supply the English gloss. The Greek words will be taken from the list found in the back of the textbook labeled “Vocabulary 1” on page 549.
- **Chapter 1:** Read Chapter 1 and do all exercises at the end of the chapter before the course begins.
- **Chapters 2–4.** You will want to do the exercises of chapters 2, 3, and 4 as well. The reason for this is that you will have hardly any time after the opening Monday afternoon session before the following Tuesday morning class in which these exercises are due.
- **Research Assignment.** Research one of the following topics related to the textbook discussion in Chapter 1. You will turn in a typed copy of your notes at the beginning of class. Form is not crucial, but be neat. Provide a good indication of genuine research and academic sources. Document your resources. Use standard dictionaries (Anchor, Interpreter’s, Eerdmans, etc.), encyclopedias, special monographs, and articles that you find helpful. Your answer should be a minimum of about a half page, single spaced, but do not go more than one page.
 1. *Research Adolf Deissmann.* Give a brief biography of his life and work. What books did he write? What was his impact on New Testament study?
 2. *Research ancient Greek dialects.* Focus on Dorian, Ionic, and Attic. Describe their geographic coverage, time frame, and general characteristics. Present New Testament examples, if possible, of elements you discuss.
 3. *Research literary Hellenistic Greek.* What is its general time frame and basic influence? What are its characteristics? Present New Testament examples, if possible, of elements you discuss.
 4. *Research non-literary Hellenistic Greek.* What is its general time frame and basic influence? What are its three main characteristics? Present New Testament examples of elements you discuss.

XIV. EMBEDDED ASSIGNMENT:

Purpose: This course includes an embedded assignment. The purpose of the embedded assignment is that the student will:

- Demonstrate a competency with Greek vocabulary and grammatical principles on the translation and location portion of the paper
- Identify accurately the importance of grammatical structures in the exegesis of a New Testament text in the assigned paper
- Communicate the implications of the exegetical meaning of the New Testament passage for a current context in the assigned paper

Details: The student will write a 4-page, single-spaced paper on Mark 15:6–15 with the following four elements:

- Translation and location of specified Greek verbs in the text (see class handout). Use the class handout for a hardcopy of this assignment, available on the class webpage.
- Two word or phrase studies in the grammatical structure of the text (1 page each = 2 total pages)
- Application derived from the above exegesis to a contemporary context (sermon brief, or teaching outline, or an explanation of the application, etc., 1 page)
- Attach a bibliography to the paper of resources consulted

Due: The embedded assignment is due *beginning of class, Monday of Week 2.*

XIV. ASSIGNMENTS:

Week	Day	Assignments Due	Class Sessions
<i>Week 1</i>	Monday June 12 1:00–5:00 pm	Vocabulary Exam 1 (p. 549) (12:50–1:00 pm) Chapter 1 exercises Research Assignment	Preview: Chapters 2–4 • 1 st and 2 nd Declension • Case and Sentence Roles • The Greek Article Review: Chapter 1
	Tuesday June 13 8:00–12:00 am	Chapters 2–4 exercises	Preview: Chapters 5–6 • 3 rd Declension • Adjectives, Adverbs Review: Exercises 2–4
	Wednesday June 14 8:00–12:00 am	Vocabulary Exam 2 (p. 551) (7:50–8:00 am) Chapters 5–6 exercises	Preview: Chapters 7–8 • Prepositions, Conjunctions • Comparisons, Numerals Review: Chapters 4–5
	Thursday June 15 8:00–12:00 am	Chapters 7–8 exercises Sectional Exam 1 (1–7) (11:00–11:50 am)	Preview: Chapters 9–10 • Pronouns • Overview Greek Verb Review: Exercises 7–8
	Friday June 16 8:00–12:00 am	Vocabulary Exam 3 (p. 553) (7:50–8:00 am) Chapters 9–10 exercises	Preview: Chapters 11–12 • Present, Imperfect • Perfect, Pluperfect Review: Chapters 9–10

Week	Day	Assignments Due	Class Sessions
Week 2	Monday June 19 1:00–5:00 pm	Vocabulary Exam 4 (p. 555) (12:50–1:00 pm) Embedded Assignment: Paper Chapters 11–12 exercises	Preview: Chapters 13–14 • Future, Aorist • Moods of Contingency Review: Chapters 11–12
	Tuesday June 20 8:00–12:00 am	Chapters 13–14 exercises 1 Jn 1:1–4 Discuss: _____ 1 Jn 1:5–2:2 Discuss: _____ Sectional Exam 2 (8–13) (11:00–11:50 am)	Preview: Chapters 15–16 • Conditional Sentences • Infinitives Review: Chapters 13–14
	Wednesday June 21 8:00–12:00 am	1 Jn 2:3–17 Discuss: _____ 1 Jn 2:18–29 Discuss: _____ Vocabulary Exam 5 (p. 557) (7:50–8:00 am) Chapters 15–16 exercises	Preview: Chapters 17–18 • Participle Morphology • Participle Translation Review: Chapters 15–16
	Thursday June 22 8:00–12:00 am	1 Jn 3:1–24 Discuss: _____ 1 Jn 4:1–21 Discuss: _____ Vocabulary Exam 6 (p. 559) (7:50–8:00 am) Chapters 17–18 exercises	Preview: Chapters 19–20 • MI Verbs: 1 st Prin. Part • MI Verbs: Other Parts Review: Chapters 17–18
	Friday June 23 8:00–12:00 am	1 Jn 5:1–21 Discuss: _____ Lu 2:1–9 Discuss: _____ Vocabulary Exam 7 (p. 561) (7:50–8:00 am) Chapters 19–20 exercises Final Exam (14–20) (11:00–11:50 am)	Review: Chapters 19–20

XV. Bibliography

The following bibliography is suggested by the New Testament Department of Denver Seminary and available at this link:

<http://www.denverseminary.edu/article/new-testament-exegesis-bibliography-2009/>

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