
IS-211 Greek I

PURITAN REFORMED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Distance Learning

Course Syllabus
IS-211 Greek I
Four Credits

Professor of Record:

Dr. Gerald Bilkes is the professor of record for these courses. Dr. Bilkes is Professor of New Testament and Biblical Theology at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. He completed a Ph.D. (2002) from Princeton Theological Seminary. He was recipient of the United States Information Agency Fellowship at the Albright Institute (ASOR) in Jerusalem during the 1997-1998 year. He has written several articles on biblical-theological themes and given addresses at several conferences. His areas of special interest include hermeneutics, the history of interpretation, and conversion in the Bible.

Instructor:

Chris Engelsma is the instructor responsible for the content of the course. He also does the bulk of the teaching and grading. He received his M.T.S. from Calvin Seminary in (2002). He has been involved in teaching languages since 2003.

Course Description:

Greek I is a four credit course that immerses the student in the grammar, vocabulary, and syntax of the New Testament. This course lays the foundation for the student to continue reading and analyzing the Greek New Testament.

Students have twenty-five lessons to complete. Each lesson has an assignment, a vocabulary quiz, and a grammar quiz. There are no exams.

Course Objectives:

Students who complete Greek I will have been exposed to much of the grammar and a large part of the syntax of the New Testament. More specifically:

- A Greek vocabulary of 319 words;
- The declensions of nouns;

- Conjugations of verbs;
- The morphology and syntax of participles and infinitives;
- Using contextual clues to parse/translate;
- Using *TheWord* Bible software and *Morphology of Biblical Greek*.

Required Texts:

- Mounce, William D. *Basics of Biblical Greek: Grammar*. Third ed.; Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003.
- Mounce, William D. *Morphology of Biblical Greek*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1994.
- Wallace, Daniel B. *Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996.
- TheWord Bible software; www.theword.net

Distance Learning Policies:

See [here](#) for the general policies and [here](#) for the grade scale.

Summary of Requirements:

Completion of all grammar and vocabulary quizzes; completion of all assignments.

Assignments: As each assignment is completed, the student uploads it to PRTS's online course management system. The instructor is notified of this upload and corrects the assignment. The student makes the corrections which the instructor highlights. The student's final grade is lowered by one full grade (e.g. A to B) for each assignment the student leaves undone. Each assignment has four sections:

1. The first is the translation of the verses from John. Each lesson has two or more such verses, and lesson notes have been prepared to assist the student with this translation. These lesson notes are all available online from the PRTS Online Language Center.
2. The second is a translation of Greek text (*not from the NT*) into English.
3. The third is a translation of English text into Greek.
4. The fourth is a section of sentence diagramming.

Grammar Quizzes: The grammar quizzes are based on the translation notes. They are graded as is with no retakes allowed.

Vocabulary Quizzes: The vocab quizzes are online quizzes. The words are taken directly from *Basics of Biblical Greek*.

Support:

The instructor is available six days a week from 8am to 9pm EDT by phone, instant message, or email. He welcomes your inquiries and values these interactions. Please don't hesitate to ask for help whenever you need it.

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