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**Biblical Greek for Ministry 2**

GRK 2620 D

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**Course Description**

An introduction to the Greek of the New Testament (3 hours). This course is a continuation of GRK 5110 and includes a careful study of 1 John.

**Student Learning outcomes**

By the end of this course the student will be able to:

1. Define all the words that occur in the Vocabulary of *Starting with New Testament Greek (SNTG)* and *A First John* Reader.
2. Write out the memory paradigms covered in *SNTG.*
3. Parse various parts of speech (verbs, nouns, adjectives, participles, etc.) covered in *SNTG.*
4. Accurately translate 1 John and discuss relevant issues related to grammar and syntax.
5. Evaluate differing biblical interpretations utilizing biblical languages.

**SEBTS CORE COMPETENCIES**

1. **Spiritual Formation:** Demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue an authentically Christian way of life, manifested by trust in God, obedience to Christ’s commands, and love of God and neighbor. [Course SLO #4]
2. **Biblical Exposition:** Demonstrate the ability to properly and effectively interpret, apply, and communicate the Scriptures. [Course SLO #1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
3. **Theological Integration:** Demonstrate the ability to understand and apply the doctrines of Christianity to life and ministry. [Course SLO #4, 5]
4. **Ministry Preparation:** Demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and Christian disposition necessary for ministry and leadership in the church and the world. [Course SLO #4, 5]
5. **Critical Thinking and Communication:** Demonstrate the ability to think critically, argue persuasively, and communicate clearly. [Course SLO #4, 5]

**Required Texts**

* Baugh, S. M. *A First John Reader: Intermediate Greek Reading Notes & Grammar.* P&R, 1999. ISBN: 978-0875520957
* Merkle, Benjamin L. and Robert L. Plummer. *Beginning with New Testament Greek: An Introductory Grammar*. Nashville: B&H, forthcoming (a pre-publication copy will be made available).
* Merkle, Benjamin L. *Exegetical Gems from Biblical Greek*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2019. ISBN: 978-0801098772
* Merkle, Benjamin and Robert L. Plummer. *Greek for Life: Strategies for Using Greek in Ministry*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2017. ISBN: 978-0801093203

**Course Assessment**

1. Quizzes (+ Homework) 315 points
2. Reading (*G4L, Gems)* 50 points
3. Word Study Exercise 20 points
4. Participation 15 points
5. Midterm Exam #1 100 points
6. Midterm Exam #2 100 points
7. Final Exam 100 points
8. **points**
* **Quizzes**: Quizzes will be given **every class meeting** (expect when noted) and will cover the chapter indicated in the course schedule. Homework completion will be assessed through quizzes (The lowest 1 John quiz will be dropped).
* **Reading**: Weekly reading will be assessed through a True or False quiz in Moodle.
* **WORD STUDY EXERCISE:** This word study exercise (available on the Moodle page) is to be completed with another student and is due on **March 25**.
* **midterms**: Two midterms will be given on **March 2** and **April 1.**
* **Final**: The final exam will be given on **May 11.**

**Grading Scale**

 B+ 631–651 C+ 568–588 D+ 505–525

A 673–700 B 610–630 C 547–567 D 490–504

A- 652–672 B- 589–609 C- 526–546 F Below 490

**COURSE EXPECTATIONS**

Each student is expected to work two hours outside of class for every hour in class. Time will be spent memorizing vocabulary and paradigms, completing the assigned homework, and preparing for quizzes and exams.

**Course Schedule**

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| **Week #** | **Date** | **To Be Done in Class** | **Quizzes** |
| 1 | Jan 27 | Review (chs. 1–16) |  |
|  | Jan 29 | Review (ch. 17) | **Quiz 1** (chs. 1–16)*Greek for Life*, ch. 5 |
| 2 | Feb 3 | Chapter 18 – Aorist Participles | **Quiz 2** (ch. 17)*Greek for Life*, ch. 6 |
|  | Feb 5 | Chapter 19 – Perfect Participles | **Quiz 3** (ch. 18)*Greek for Life*, ch. 7 |
| 3 | Feb 10 | Chapter 20 – Other Pronouns | **Quiz 4** (ch. 19)*Greek for Life*, ch. 8 |
|  | Feb 12 | Chapter 21 – Infinitives | **Quiz 5** (ch. 20) |
| 4 | Feb 17 | Chapter 22 – Subjunctives | **Quiz 6** (ch. 21)*Gems*, ch. 18 |
|  | Feb 19 | Chapter 23 – Imperatives & Optatives | **Quiz 7** (ch. 22)*Gems*, ch. 19 |
| 5 | Feb 24  | Chapter 24 – Mi Verbs | **Quiz 8** (ch. 23)*Gems*, ch. 20 |
|  | Feb 26 | Review (chs. 17–24) | **Quiz 9** (ch. 24)  |
| 6 | **Mar 2** | **MIDTERM #1** |  |
|  | Mar 4 | Lesson 1 – The Article I (1 John 1:1–4) | *Gems*, ch. 8 |
|  | **Mar 9–13** | **SPRING BREAK** |   |
| 7 | Mar 16 | Lesson 2 – The Article II (1 John 1:5–10) | **Quiz 10** (lesson 1) *Gems*, chs. 9–10 |
|  | Mar 18 | Lesson 3 – Nom, Voc, and Acc (1 John 2:1–6) | **Quiz 11** (lesson 2)*Gems*, chs. 3, 4, 7 |
| 8 | Mar 23 | Lesson 4 – The Genitive I (1 John 2:7–14) | **Quiz 12** (lesson 3)*Gems*, ch. 5 |
|  | Mar 25 | Lesson 5 – The Genitive II (1 John 2:15–25) | **Quiz 13** (lesson 4) **Word Study** |
| 9 | Mar 30 | Lesson 6 – The Dative (1 John 2:26–3:3) | **Quiz 14** (lesson 5)*Gems*, ch. 6 |
|  | **Apr 1** | **Midterm #2**  |  |
|  | **Apr 6–10** | **EASTER BREAK** |  |
| 10 | Apr 13 | Lesson 7 – Pronouns (1 John 3:4–10)  | *Gems*, ch. 25 |
|  | Apr 15 | Lesson 8 – The Adjectives (1 John 3:11–18) | **Quiz 15** (lesson 7)*Gems*, chs. 11, 27 |
| 11 | Apr 20 | Lesson 9 – Participles (1 John 3:19–4:6) | **Quiz 16** (lesson 8)*Gems*, chs. 12, 21  |
|  | Apr 22 | Lesson 9 – Participles (1 John 3:19–4:6) | *Gems*, ch. 22 |
| 12 | Apr 27 | Lesson 10 – Infinitives (1 John 4:7–21)  | **Quiz 17** (lesson 9)*Gems*, ch. 23 |
|  | Apr 29 | Lesson 10 – Infinitives (1 John 4:7–21) | *Gems*, ch. 24 |
| 13 | May 4 | Lesson 11 – Prepositions (1 John 5:1–12) | **Quiz 18** (lesson 10)*Gems*, ch. 26 |
|  | May 6 | Lesson 12 – Words & Phrases (1 John 5:13–21) | **Quiz 19** (lesson 11)*Gems*, ch. 32 |
| 14 | **May 11** | **FINAL EXAM**  |  |