



BI540 Using Biblical Greek Study Tools

Short Syllabus

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Course description

This course uses an inductive approach to learning New Testament Greek, discussing features of Greek as they occur in the letter of 1 John.

This course involves three lectures every week *for twelve weeks*, and three homework assignments every week. Plan for about 11 hours each week, for a total of 137 hours.

Required textbooks

1. For Greek grammatical terms: Mark L. Strauss, *The Biblical Greek Companion for Bible Software Users: Grammatical Terms Explained for Exegesis* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2016). ISBN: [0310521343](#). 112 pages. \$18 new, or \$13 used.
2. For avoiding lexical mistakes: D.A. Carson, *Exegetical Fallacies*, 2nd ed. (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 1996). ISBN: [9780801020865](#). 160 pages. \$10.
3. A modern lexicon: Frederick William Danker, with Kathryn Krug, *The Concise Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2009). ISBN: [9780226136158](#) 408 pages. The best of the smaller lexicons. 408 pages, \$40.

Please obtain these books before the class begins. To find the lowest prices, you may find it helpful to use www.bookfinder.com.

Technology requirements

This course requires that you have access to a website or program that gives you 1) an interlinear Greek-English New Testament, 2) parsing information for each word, and 3) basic definitions. There are several ways to meet this requirement, but the recommended option is [Logos Basic](#). The Logos program comes in many levels, from the free Basic version to one that costs thousands of dollars. This course is designed for the free version. Additional information is supplied in the full syllabus.

Requirements and assignments

1. **Read the textbooks.** Most of the work in the course comes in other areas.
2. **Thirty (30) sets of homework, spread over 10 weeks.** Each homework exercise counts for 2 percent of the final grade.
3. **Website quizzes.** There will be five quizzes, one at the end of every two-week period. Each counts for 4 percent of the final grade. You may take the quizzes as often as you want, and only the last grade counts. Thus the quizzes are a method of review, like vocabulary cards. They are also a method of keeping you on schedule.
4. **Self-discipline.** There is no magic formula for making Greek easy. Some people have a knack for learning languages, but most find it difficult. People who already know two languages usually find it easier to learn a third. The key is to work at it every day.

If you have difficulty, if you have questions, it is your responsibility to ask for help. We will also keep track of your progress and may contact you if you lag behind. This is not because we like to nag, but because we want you to succeed!

5. **One final exam,** counting for 20 percent of the final grade.