



Readings in the New Testament (6p/3cr)

Level: Basic

Subject Area: Bible

Course Code: BVNT 305

Course Prerequisites

Finished the special requirements for university studies (Swedish system) or similar. Foundations of Theology (60p/30crh).

Course Goals

Having successfully completed the course, the students should have acquired

Knowledge and Understanding

- a working knowledge of the syntax of New Testament Greek;
- knowledge to distinguish the different levels of syntactical analysis of New Testament Greek;
- the understanding of the difference between words and phrases, clauses, and discourse;
- an expanded working vocabulary of New Testament Greek;
- an overall improved reading proficiency of New Testament Greek;

Skills and Ability

- apply the syntax of finite and infinite verbs, nouns and adjectives;
- apply the syntax of nouns and adjectives, including the article, pronouns, and prepositions;
- apply the syntax of participles and adverbs;
- apply the syntax of participles and conjunctions;
- apply the syntax of commands, prohibitions, questions, negations, and indirect discourse;
- apply the syntax of conditional clauses;
- apply the syntax of word order and clause structure.

Assessment and Approach

- assess choices in translation as an interaction between grammatical analysis and hermeneutics;
- assess exegetical and grammatical choices based on the understanding that grammatical categories are interdependent upon a textual corpus, not absolutes.

Course Contents

Greek Exegesis II gives the student a deeper understanding of the syntax of koiné Greek. All the major topics of Biblical Greek syntax will be covered.

Course Procedures

Lessons are given online partly as recorded, downloadable files and partly as live interactions via videolink where students and teacher discuss assignments prepared by the students.

Examination

Evaluation Procedures:

A = 90-100	Excellent knowledge and a high degree of independent thinking
B = 80-89	Good level of knowledge and some independent thinking
C = 70-79	Basic knowledge and abilities
D = 60-69	Fulfilment of minimum requirements
F = below 60	Fail

Assignments:

The assignments, as listed below, are each assessed on a scale ranging from 59–100 % (which e.g. means that a mid-term test [see below] that gets the grade 75% is worth 30%).

Weekly quizzes	20%
Mid-term test	30%
Final test	50%

TOTAL **100%**

Study & Assignment Schedule

See separate file.

Description of assignments:

Exams are given in three formats:

1. Weekly vocabulary tests: Primarily from the contexts read per week, the vocabulary tests are picked. The vocabulary will be given in context.
2. Mid-term test: This test is graded and must be taken with a proctor, which means you must assign a person you and the teacher can trust, e.g. in your church or at your work-place who can administer the test for you: the proctor will receive the test in an e-mail, print it, hand it out to you, oversee the test, receive it when finished and scan it back to the teacher. The proctor can not be a close relative.
3. Final test: The final test is also graded and is comprehensive. Like the mid-term test, the final test must be administered by a proctor.

Course Literature

- Bauer, W. and F. W. Danker (ed.). *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature, 3rd ed.* Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000.
- Nestle, E. and K. Aland (eds.). *Novum Testamentum Graece.* Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1993.
- Porter, Stanley E. *Idioms of the Greek New Testament.* 2nd ed. London: Sheffield Academic Press, 1999.

Reference Literature (not mandatory):

- Blomqvist, Jerker and Poul Ole Jastrup. *Grekisk grammatik/Græsk grammatik.* Odense: Akademisk Forlag, 2006.
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- Wallace, Daniel. B. *Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the New Testament.* Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996.

