



THE
SOUTHERN BAPTIST
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

22440B: Greek Syntax & Exegesis Sample Syllabus

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

A study of Greek grammar and vocabulary on the intermediate level and exegetical readings in the Greek New Testament.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

1. Define all the words that occur 15x or more in the NT.
2. Identify and explain the primary uses of cases, moods, tenses, and clause structures in the New Testament.
3. Sight translate selected sections of the New Testament.
4. Gain basic proficiency in textual criticism, word studies, and diagramming.

COURSE TEXTS (REQUIRED)

Köstenberger, Andreas, Benjamin L. Merkle and Robert L. Plummer. *Going Deeper with New Testament Greek: An Intermediate Study of the Grammar and Syntax of the New Testament*. Nashville: B&H, 2016. ISBN: 978-1-4336-7908-7. (referred to as KMP in the reading outline below).

COURSE ASSESSMENT

1.	Quizzes	220 points
2.	Oral Greek Reading	30 points
3.	Midterm Exam	100 points
4.	Final Exam	<u>100 points</u>
		450 points

- ◆ **QUIZZES:** Completed quizzes must be turned in **every Thursday** (unless otherwise noted). Quizzes (taken on the honor system) will cover (a) “Vocabulary to Memorize” lists from Deeper Greek, (b) summary charts from Deeper Greek, (c) translation, parsing, and syntax from passages covered in class, (d) possibly other matters noted by the professor. Quizzes are worth

20 points each. The two lowest quiz grades will automatically be dropped. You must grade your own quizzes and bring them to class with a score written on the top of the quiz.

- ◆ **ORAL GREEK READING**: Students are required to read all assigned Greek translation texts aloud 5 times (preferably with another human listening, but that is not required). Each reading assignment is worth 2 points (15 texts x 2 pts = 30 points possible). There are 17 passages, so two “skip days” are built in. A reading accountability form can be found at the end of this syllabus and must be turned in with the final exam.
- ◆ **CLASS PARTICIPATION**: Each student is expected to attend every scheduled class meeting and to participate (which means having translated the assigned text, parsed all the verbs, and noted any significant grammatical features in the text).
- ◆ **MIDTERM EXAM**: The Midterm exam will be given as a take-home exam in a sealed envelope. It will be distributed in class.
- ◆ **FINAL EXAM**: The final exam will be given on the date scheduled by Academic Records.
- ◆ **HONOR CODE**: Each submitted quiz or exam must include this statement (handwritten by the student): *On my honor, I have neither given nor taken any improper assistance in completing this assignment.*

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

Each student is expected to work at least two hours outside of class for every hour in class. For this class that means you will need to spend at least 6 hours out of class studying every week. Time will be spent memorizing vocabulary, translating the selected NT passages, reviewing Greek grammar and syntax, reading the textbooks, and preparing for quizzes and exams.

COURSE GRADING SCALE

		B+	390-404	C+	345-359	D+	300-314
A	427-450	B	375-389	C	330-344	D	285-299
A-	405-426	B-	360-374	C-	315-329	F	Below 285

Note: Because you are coming directly from Elementary Greek, the NT translation texts in KMP could be a bit challenging for you. To build your confidence and skill, we are going to start translating from 1 John. Then, we will shift to texts from KMP.

The “Reading” listed in the column below should be completed prior to attending class on the date on which the reading assignment is listed.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week #		To Be Done In Class	Quizzes	Reading
1	Jan 31	Introduction & Syllabus; Review of Elementary Greek		
	Feb 2	Review of Elementary Greek. Quiz #1 is over the vocabulary list on pages 503-510 in KMP. The vocabulary from this list will continue to reappear throughout the semester. Vocabulary quizzes are always cumulative.	Quiz 1	
2	Feb 7	1 John 1:1-10, Text Criticism, History of the Greek Language Do not forget Oral Reading!		KMP, ch. 1
	Feb 9	Quiz #2 covers 1 John 1:1-10 (translation, parsing) and “Vocabulary to Memorize” and summary charts from KMP chapter 1. Syntax questions from 1 John 1:1-10 will be drawn from the professor’s lecture. 1 John 2:1-6, Do not forget Oral Reading!	Quiz 2	
3	Feb 14	1 John 2:7-14, Nominative, Vocative and Accusative, Do not forget Oral Reading!		KMP, ch. 2
	Feb 16	Quiz #3 covers 1 John 2:1-14 (translation, parsing), cumulative KMP “Vocabulary to Memorize” through chapter 2, and charts from KMP chapter 2. Syntax questions from 1 John 2:1-14 will be drawn from the professor’s lecture. 1 John 2:15-25, Do not forget Oral Reading!	Quiz 3	
4	Feb 21	1 John 2:26-3:3, Genitive Do not forget Oral Reading!		KMP, ch. 3
	Feb 23	Quiz #4 covers 1 John 2:15-3:3 (translation, parsing), cumulative KMP vocabulary through chapter 3, and charts from KMP chapter 3. Syntax questions from 1 John 2:15-3:3 will be drawn from the professor’s lecture. 1 John 3:4-10, Do not forget Oral Reading!	Quiz 4	
5	Feb 28	1 John 3:11-18, Dative Do not forget Oral Reading!		KMP, ch. 4
	Mar 2	Quiz #5 covers 1 John 3:4-18 (translation, parsing), cumulative KMP vocabulary through chapter 4, and charts from KMP chapter 4. Syntax questions from 1 John 3:4-18 will be drawn from the professor’s lecture. 1 John 3:19-4:6, Do not forget Oral Reading!	Quiz 5	

6	Mar 7	1 John 4:7-21, The Article and Adjective Do not forget Oral Reading!		KMP, ch. 5
	Mar 9	Quiz #6 covers 1 John 3:19-4:21 (translation, parsing), cumulative KMP vocabulary through chapter 5, and charts from KMP chapter 5. Syntax questions from 1 John 3:19-4:21 will be drawn from the professor's lecture. 1 John 5:1-12, Do not forget Oral Reading!	Quiz 6	
7	Mar 14	1 John 5:13-21, Verb Overview Do not forget Oral Reading!		KMP, ch. 6
	Mar 16	Quiz #7 covers 1 John 5:1-21 (translation, parsing), cumulative KMP vocabulary through chapter 6, and charts from KMP chapter 6. Review for Midterm; Tense and Verbal Aspect. Midterm Exam given in sealed envelope to be returned on October 11. The exam will include translation, parsing and syntax questions from 1 John, cumulative vocabulary through KMP chapter 7 [including Appendix 1], and multiple choice questions based on the KMP charts from chapters 1-7.	Quiz 7	KMP, ch. 7
8	Mar 21	Turn in Midterm Exam. Mark 1:1-13 (see KMP pages 42-48); Present, Imperfect, and Future Indicative Do not forget Oral Reading!		KMP, ch. 8
	Mar 23	Quiz #8 covers Mark 1:1-13 (translation, parsing), cumulative KMP vocabulary through chapter 8, and charts from KMP chapter 8. Syntax questions from Mark 1:1-13 will be drawn from the KMP Reading Notes (pages 42-48) Matthew 18:10-20, part 1 (see KMP pages 75-83)	Quiz 8	
9	Mar 28	Matthew 18:10-20, part 2 (see KMP pages 75-83) Aorist, Perfect, and Pluperfect Indicatives Do not forget Oral Reading!		KMP, ch. 9
	Mar 30	Quiz #9 covers Matthew 18:10-20 (translation, parsing), cumulative KMP vocabulary through chapter 9, and charts from KMP chapter 9. Syntax questions from Matthew 18:10-20 will be drawn from the KMP Reading Notes (pages 75-83). John 2:1-11, part 1 (see KMP pages 182-187);	Quiz 9	
10	Apr 4	Spring Reading Days		
	Apr 6	Spring Reading Days		

11	Apr 11	John 2:1-11, part 2 (see KMP, pages 182-187) Participles, Do not forget Oral Reading!		KMP, ch. 10
	Apr 13	Quiz #10 covers John 2:1-11 (translation, parsing), cumulative KMP vocabulary through chapter 10, and charts from KMP chapter 10. Syntax questions from John 2:1-11 will be drawn from the KMP Reading Notes (pages 182-187). James 5:12-20, part 1 (see KMP, pages 220-226)	Quiz 10	
12	Apr 18	James 5:12-20, part 2 (see KMP, pages 220-226) Infinitives, Do not forget Oral Reading!		KMP, ch. 11
	Apr 20	Quiz #11 covers James 5:12-20 (translation, parsing), cumulative KMP vocabulary through chapter 11, and charts from KMP chapter 11. Syntax questions from James 5:12-20 will be drawn from the KMP Reading Notes (pages 220-226). Rom 3:19-31, part 1 (see KMP, pages 111-118) Do not forget Oral Reading!	Quiz 11	
13	Apr 25	Rom 3:19-31, part 2 (KMP pages 111-118) Pronouns, Prepositions, Conjunctions, Adverbs, and Particles		KMP, ch. 12
	Apr 27	Quiz #12 covers Romans 3:19-31 (translation, parsing), cumulative KMP vocabulary through chapter 12, and charts from KMP chapter 12. Syntax questions from Romans 3:19-31 will be drawn from the KMP Reading Notes (pages 111-118). Sentences, Diagramming, and Discourse Analysis	Quiz 12	KMP, ch 13
14	May 2	Diagramming and Review for Final Exam		KMP, ch. 14
	May 4	Word Studies and Review for Final Exam Quiz #13 is <u>purely a vocabulary quiz</u> covering Appendix #1 (“Frequent NT Vocab) and all the “Vocabulary to Memorize” lists in chapters 1-13 of KMP. The Final Exam will cover (1) Cumulative KMP Vocab, (2) Translation, Parsing, and Syntax questions from all passages covered after the midterm, (3) Multiple-choice questions from all KMP charts. Extra Credit Opportunity on exam: Write the Lord’s Prayer in Greek word-for-word to receive 5 pts.	Quiz 13	KMP, ch 15