

Biblical Languages

Faculty

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Greek

The purpose of these courses is to introduce students to the Greek language in order to enhance their personal understanding of the New Testament and to prepare those who desire to pursue graduate biblical studies. The plan is to provide students with tools which will enable them to utilize the Greek text in future study, interpretation and exposition of the Word of God.

Upon completion of 12 units of Greek, it is intended that the student's proficiency in the Greek language will enable him / her to read and translate a Greek text with accuracy using a standard lexicon and grammar; to explain the significance of tenses, cases and important grammatical structures; to exegete a biblical text accurately; and to undertake individual research in biblical and extra-biblical Greek. The courses Greek 101, 102, 201, and 202 will fulfill the general education foreign language requirement.

Courses

GREEK (BLGR)

BLGR 101 Elementary Greek Grammar I3

BLGR 102 Elementary Greek Grammar II3

An introductory study of the basic elements of New Testament Greek, emphasizing syntax and development of vocabulary. Translation of selected portions of the New Testament, with extensive translation of a selected New Testament book in the second semester.

BLGR 201 Intermediate Greek Grammar & Exegesis3

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A comprehensive survey of New Testament Greek grammar and vocabulary which builds upon the first year of study. Introduction to textual criticism and exegetical methodology which will aid students in interpreting the New Testament. Reading in selected portions of the New Testament. Prerequisite: 102 or equivalent.

BLGR 304 Studies in Biblical Greek 1-4

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Exegesis of biblical Greek texts for advanced students, with attention to translation, grammar, backgrounds, interpretation, and problems of analysis. Study may include one or more portions of New Testament literature. Prerequisite: 202 and/or consent. May be repeated with different content.

BLGR 403 Hellenistic Greek.....3

Readings from the Jewish, patristic and pagan writers of the Hellenistic period, including the Septuagint, with attention to literary analysis and comparison with relevant biblical authors. Opportunity may be given to use the GRAMCORD and Ibycus computer projects. Prerequisite: 202 or equivalent.

BLGR 405 Advanced New Testament Textual Criticism3

A survey of the materials, history and theories of New Testament textual criticism. Prerequisites: 201 and two years of Greek.

BLGR 407 Advanced Greek Grammar3

An advanced study of syntax focusing on nuances of grammar and style. To facilitate this study, in addition to the use of advanced grammar, special studies and articles, extensive use is made of examples drawn from biblical and extra biblical literature. Prerequisite: 304 and 305.

BLGR 480 Directed Research..... 1-3

Individual research and writing for advanced students by special arrangement. Study may include concentration in New Testament literature, history, textual criticism, specialized grammatical or lexical projects, introductory matters, or New Testament theology. Prerequisite: 202 and at least six units of upper division Greek and/or consent. May be repeated with different content.

HEBREW (BLHE)

BLGR 101 Elementary Hebrew Grammar3

BLGR 102 Elementary Hebrew Grammar3

Introduction to the language of the Hebrew Bible: morphology, syntax, as well as reading and translation of biblical texts.

BLGR 201 Intermediate Hebrew Grammar3

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Advanced grammar and syntax with emphasis upon rapid reading as well as the development of exegetical skills. Prerequisite: 102.