

John 1:1-13 in Codex Vaticanus (4th cent.)

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# BI 502

## Introduction to New Testament Greek

Online and Residential

### University of Dubuque Theological Seminary

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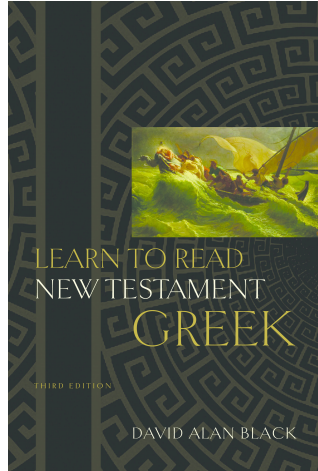
Severance Hall 102  
Mondays, 2:30-4:00 PM

## Course Description

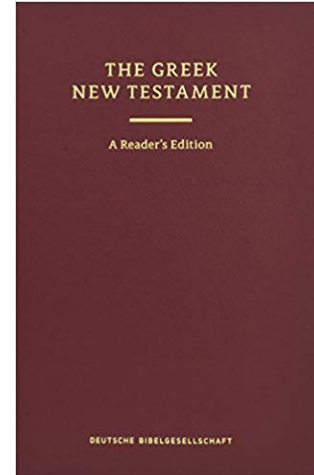
This course introduces the grammar, vocabulary, and syntax of New Testament Greek. It provides students the linguistic tools and training to read and translate the New Testament in its original language so that they are better equipped to interpret and preach God's Word.

# Required Texts

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David Alan Black, Learn to Read New Testament Greek, 3rd edition (B&H Academic, 2009)  
ISBN: 0805444939



UBS 5th Revised Greek New Testament Reader's Edition (German Bible Society, 2015) ISBN: 1619706180

## **Curricular Objectives:**

- Be formed by, live in, and minister out of scripture and the historical and theological tradition of the church (MDiv)
- Interpret the Christian Scriptures through faithful exegesis and in light of the Christian tradition (MDiv)
- Preach the Word of God with faithfulness and clarity (MDiv)
- Articulate and reflect critically and constructively on the biblical and theological foundations of God's mission to the world (MAMD)
- Be able to identify and interpret key themes from the Christian scriptures (MACL)

## **Course Objectives:**

Students who successfully complete the course will:

- Be able to translate passages of easy-to-moderate difficulty from the Greek New Testament
- Be able to sight read passages of easy difficulty from the Greek New Testament silently and aloud
- Recognize and be able to parse different verbal and nominal forms of Greek words and thus understand the functions of the different Greek moods, voices, tenses, and cases
- Type in Greek unicode

## **Grade Items:**

### **• Translation Homework / Conference Calls (15% of final grade)**

- Students will complete weekly assignments based on David Alan Black's *Learn to Read New Testament Greek* by Monday at 2:30 PM central time (which is when the residential class meets).
- To get credit for homework students can do one of two things.
  - **Option One:** Students may participate in a one-hour weekly Zoom meeting in which the translations are discussed.
  - **Option Two:** Students may submit their completed translation assignment to Moodle. When they do so they must submit translations that are the student's own. The initial translation will be in one color and students will be expected to self-correct their translations on the basis of an answer key *in a different color*. Credit will only be received if the translations are the student's own and they are corrected.

### **• Flashcard Study (10% of final grade)**

- Learning a language is best done in small chunks. This class requires that you study flashcards using BrainScape (see above). This grade item is assessed on how often and how much you study the course's flashcards. If you study them an average of 30 minutes per workday, as suggested in the "recommended weekly schedule" below, you can expect to receive full credit for this grade item.

### **• Weekly Vocabulary Quizzes (15% of final grade)**

- Students will complete these weekly quizzes that cover vocabulary by Tuesday at 12 PM (central time). Quizzes will be cumulative but will focus on the material from the previous week. The quizzes are administered via Moodle, have a 15-minute time limit, and must be completed without reference to any outside resources. The lowest quiz score will be dropped.

### **• Weekly Grammar Quizzes (15% of final grade)**

- Students will complete these weekly quizzes that cover paradigms and parsing by Tuesday at 11:59 PM (central time). Quizzes will be cumulative but will focus on the material from the previous week. The quizzes are administered via Moodle, have a 30-minute time limit, and must be completed without reference to any outside resources. The lowest quiz score will be dropped.

### **• Cumulative Vocabulary Exam (15% of final grade)**

- During week twelve there will be a cumulative vocabulary exam that covers all the vocabulary words that we have covered until that point in the semester (lessons 1–24).

### **• Exams (30% of final grade)**

- There will be two cumulative exams (15% of the final grade each) that are open-book, open-note, and untimed. They require that you translate several Greek sentences and answer accompanying grammatical questions about the sentences.

#### **Grade Scale**

94-100 A	73-76 C
90-93 A-	70-72 C-
87-89 B+	67-69 D+
83-86 B	63-66 D
80-82 B-	60-62 F
77-79 C+	

