PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY:

The full set of school regulations and procedures is contained in the Undergraduate Student Handbook which is available online at your MyAberdeen page. Students are expected to familiarise themselves not only with the contents of this leaflet but also with the contents of the Handbook. Therefore, ignorance of the contents of the Handbook will not excuse the breach of any school regulation or procedure.

You must familiarise yourself with this important information at the earliest opportunity.

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TIMETABLE

Language seminars – students must attend all seminars for weeks 1-11

Mondays 3-5pm, Old Brewery, OBF01

Thursdays 10am-11am, Taylor, A27

*Students can view their university timetable at*


COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course will introduce students to the form of Greek found in the New Testament and help students to begin to read the New Testament in Greek. The programme will follow the textbook by J. Duff, *Elements of New Testament Greek* (Cambridge University Press, 2005). This is not to be confused with the textbook with the same title by John Wenham.

LEARNING AIMS AND INTENDED OUTCOMES

COURSE AIMS

Students will learn basic grammar, syntax and vocabulary of New Testament Greek.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

A. Knowledge and Understanding

- to enable facility with the basic structure of the Greek language and with basic vocabulary;
- to deepen awareness of the tasks involved in translation; in the establishment and transfer of meaning from one culture to another;
- to encourage sensitivity to the significance of the original language for interpreting the Bible.
B. Discipline-specific Skills

- to be able to use commentaries, dictionaries, concordances and other secondary literature insofar as they make reference to Greek words and phrases;
- to begin to read biblical texts in the original language, with the help of a dictionary;
- to prepare the way towards independent study and appreciation of the Greek New Testament;
- to stimulate students to pursue the study of the New Testament in Greek at levels 2 & 3.

C. Transferable Skills

- to promote regular habits of study through the discipline which language learning imposes;
- to encourage informed, independent thinking; to stimulate heightened linguistic awareness in general, not least in one’s own language.

LECTURE/SEMINAR PROGRAMME

The course will follow Duff’s book. From week 2 there will be a 10 minute test every Tuesday, except in week 7, which will include a written mid-term exam as well as brief (5 minute) oral exams (see below, ‘assessment’).

Students are expected to thoroughly familiarise themselves with the vocabulary and grammar as they come up (usually one chapter of Duff per week) and be prepared for tests at any time. This is an intensive course but is accessible to all who keep up with the workload.

Extra exercises and assistance can be provided on anything should you seek further practice. Please ask at once in case of any difficulty. And don’t fall behind: as long as you do a bit every day, it will all be all right, but if you postpone things, the house will come crashing down before you know it.
Students should aim at 100% attendance at classes. Failure to submit coursework, i.e. tests and mid-term exams may result in failing the course. Resubmission of coursework is possible to make up for failed tests, but only after getting in touch with the course co-ordinator and only until one week before the beginning of the exam period.

Week 1: Introduction and Chapter 1
- Introduction to Course; Greek Alphabet and Pronunciation
- Using a dictionary
- What makes a good translation?

Week 2: Chapter Two and Three
- Basic Sentences
- Cases and Gender – Introduction to Nouns
- Verbs Present Tense Active: regular and ‘contracted’

Week 3: Chapter Four and Five
- Prepositions
- Adjectives and Nouns
- Basic Sentences

Week 4: Chapter Six
- Verbs Imperfect Tense Active
- Verbs Future Tense
- Sentences and Prose

Week 5: Chapter Seven
- Understanding the Moods
- Sentences
- Exercises

Week 6: Chapter Eight

Week 7: Revision Week
- Revision
- MID TERM EXAMINATION
- MID TERM ORAL EXAMINATION

Week 8: Chapter Nine
- Pronouns and Conjunctions
- Pronouns and Conjunctions
- Sentences
Week 9: Chapter Ten
- Complex Sentences
- Complex Sentences
- Group Presentation: Interpreting a word

Week 10: Chapter Eleven
- Special Verbs
- Tenses
- Moods

Week 11-12: Reading Greek and Revision
- Revision and Consolidation

READING LIST

*Essential: SET BOOKS FOR PURCHASE*

Students must purchase as soon as possible (if possible before the first class) the textbook which we will be using:


This book is required for every lesson. It is stocked in Blackwells, the University Bookshop on the High Street.

*Optional:*

An audio CD entitled New Testament Greek Listening Materials may be purchased separately or jointly with the textbook, if you are interested in this help with learning vocabulary.

*Reading List:*


You can often pick up second-hand copies of these books through www.amazon.co.uk or www.abebooks.co.uk.

**Web Resources:**

There are a number of useful websites that have things like vocabulary tests, New Testament texts, etc.

www.nt-greek.net is the official website connected with the course textbook.

http://www.ntgateway.com/greek-ntgateway/learning-new-testament-greek/ has a number of free programmes that can help with Greek learning.

http://www.sbl-site.org/Resources/Resources_BiblicalFonts.aspx is probably the best website for downloading Greek fonts.


http://www.olivetree.com allows you to download a free searchable Greek New Testament onto your PC, tablet or palm computer.

**ASSESSMENT**

**PLEASE NOTE:** In order to pass a course on the first attempt, a student must attain a Common Grading Scale (CGS) mark of at least E3 on each element of course assessment. Failure to do so will result in a grade of no greater than CGS E1 for the course as a whole.

(I) CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

Written mid-term examination (25%)

- This is a one-hour written examination and will take place in week 7.

Oral mid-term examination (5%)
This is a brief (approx. 5 minute) mid-term oral examination and will take place in week 7 of the course. You will be given an appointment. You will be asked to read aloud two very short passages of Greek, one seen, one unseen.

Weekly written tests (10%)

- There will be short (10 minutes) weekly written tests on vocabulary and grammar. These will take place on Tuesdays from week 2. The overall grade will be calculated on the basis of performance in these tests across the entire term.

(II) FINAL EXAMINATION (60%)

- This is a one-hour written examination, taken in the January diet. For past papers, see the examination paper database.

Click to view the University Level Descriptors (ANNEX A).
Click to view the University Assessment Scale Band Descriptors (ANNEX B).

ESSAYS

There will be no essays for this course.

ASSESSMENT DEADLINES

10 weekly tests from week 2

Mid-term exam: Week 7

Oral test: Brief (5 minutes) test in week 7; time by appointment.

EXAMINATION

This is a one-hour written examination, taken in the January diet. It consists of translation from Greek to English seen and unseen texts. General exam guidance will be given in the Student Handbook.
RESIT

The resit is a one-hour written examination (100%).

Access to the resit which is provisional on:

- All submitted coursework having been submitted and graded at CGS E3 or higher.

- Student having a valid Class Certificate. Students with C7s are not eligible for resits.

Past exam papers can be viewed at [http://www.abdn.ac.uk/library/learning-and-teaching/for-students/exam-papers/](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/library/learning-and-teaching/for-students/exam-papers/).