

LNG 2303: Greek Study Tools

Independent Study

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Mission Statement

Arlington Baptist College endeavors to prepare men and women for Christian life and ministries, both lay and professional, through studies in Bible, general education, church vocations, and practical service; integrating faith and learning in the context of a Christian worldview.

Core Values

Integrity – As a Christian, Church member and student at this Bible College, it is expected of you to exhibit the highest levels of integrity in your personal life and academic performance. This integrity should be exhibited in your course work.

Excellence – As a Christian, Church member and student at this Bible College, it is expected of you to strive, to the best of your ability, for excellence in all areas. Excellence is the opposite of slothfulness/laziness and should be the mark of a minister/student/Christian.

Service – As a Christian, Church member and student at this Bible College, it is expected of you to serve others first, before you fulfill your own self-centered desires. This concept surrounds the idea of academic honesty. In academia, plagiarism is the highest act of selfishness. In addition, you are not serving others when you see them “falling short” and do not address the issue with them. The old West Point motto bodes well, “I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate others who do.” You have a responsibility to your Lord, to your Church, to this institution and to yourself to have a “zero” tolerance towards any action of academic dishonesty either by yourself or another.

Course Description

This course will survey general grammatical principles for the Greek Language for use with a current Bible study software program. Representative exegetical and word study assignments will be taken from various genre of the New Testament.

Course Goals

As Instructor, I will:

1. Orient the student to the Greek Language, its noun and verbal structures, suffixes, prepositions and other grammatical features.
2. Differentiate the various verbal forms and their theological and interpretational impact.
3. Provide guidance on utilizing the Bible Study Software Program *Bibleworks 7™*, with primary focus given to the usage of the Hebrew language resources.
4. Direct the proper translation and theological interpretation of Greek passages from a variety of genre.

Instructional Goals

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Understand the various features of Greek grammar.
2. Display an acceptable level of theological reflection based upon translation.
3. Utilize the Bible Study Software Program *Logos™*, with primary focus given to the usage of the Greek language resources.
4. Translate and theologically interpret various assigned Greek passages.

Instructional Objectives

You will demonstrate your achievement of the Instructional Goals by the degree of proficiency with which you:

1. Reproduce the Greek Alphabet.
2. Identify on routine quizzes Greek Nouns and Adjectives, Pronouns and Verbal structures.
3. Complete a variety of tasks as assigned from the Bible Study Software *Logos™*.
4. Translate and theologically interpret various passages as assigned from the Greek New Testament.

Textbooks

1. Bible Study Software Program *Logos 3.0 Bible Study Library + Stephens Text + Louw & Nida Greek-English Lexicon Based on Semantic Domains*.

NOTE: You need to set up a payment plan (12 months/no interest) with Logos directly at the following link: <http://www.logos.com/Academic/abconline/Required>

They have a lot of options for you and you are welcome to purchase the larger libraries. You will need to go to www.logos.com and view their product comparison to see what titles are included in the larger libraries. Make sure that you purchase, at minimum, the Bible Study Library, Stephens Text and Louw-Nida Lexicon. Please call me if you have any questions about this software purchase. Further, the Bible Study Library is required for Hebrew Study Tools as well. You will only need to purchase required books for that class.

Gradebook

Value	Project
20%	Participation
20%	Translation Binder
20%	Mid-Term Examination
20%	Translation Exercises
20%	Final Project

Arlington Baptist College Grading Scale

A	93 – 100
B	85 – 92
C	76 – 84
D	70 – 75
F	0 - 69

Participation

For this class to function properly, it is imperative that you, the student, are prepared for each class. You will be called on in class for responses to the work assigned. A lack of preparation will result in a “0” participation grade for the day. Credit will be given for an academic attempt to answer a question posed to you. Attendance will factor very heavily in your daily participation grade.

Translation Binder

You will be given guidance on setting up your translation binder. This will be due at the time of the Mid-Term Exam. This will be a tabbed binder sectioned by the course syllabus, lectures and charts. This binder will be necessary for you to translate in an efficient manner.

Mid-Term Examination

The Mid-Term Examination will be a comprehensive review of the course lessons. A complete review will be provided for study on the course website. You will need to take this mid-term exam at the library by the date indicated below.

Translation Exercises

You will be required to utilize the Bibleworks program to complete each text assignment. We will go through these passages in class. A person will be picked at random to parse and translate each verse. You will also have to provide your theological interpretation of each passage assigned after you complete your translation work.

Final Project

This project will be a selection of a New Testament Passage of five to seven verses in length. You will present a formal paper in accordance with the Turabian 6th edition format. Your paper will include the following sections:

- 1) Title Page
- 2) Blank Sheet of Paper
- 3) Table of Contents
- 4) Introduction
- 5) Context (This will be a discussion on the historical and biblical background of the passage)
- 6) Translation (Using Bibleworks, you will parse and provide a rough translation of each word)
- 7) Theological Reflection
- 8) Application
- 9) Conclusion
- 10) Bibliography (You will have a minimum 15 footnoted sources cited in the Context Section)

Course Outline

For the Orientation Lesson and Lessons 1-16, please download the Note taker and view the videos for the lessons at: http://mmcdaniel.jimdo.com/grammar_lessons.php

NOTE: Have Logos purchased not later than June 22. Please send me an email once you have the software in possession. The first Logos lesson will go over installation. Please wait until then to install.

June	8	Orientation, Lessons 1,2,3,4	
	15	Lessons 5,6,7,8	
	22	Lessons 9,10,11,12	Purchased Logos
	29	Lessons 13,14,15,16	

For the Logos Lessons, please view the appropriate lesson at the following web site: <http://www.logos.com/academic/learnlogos> Scroll down to the first lesson the bottom of the web page.

July	6	Logos Lessons 1,2,3,4	
	13	Lessons 5,6,7,8	
	20	Lessons 9,10,11,12	
	27	Lessons 13,14,15,16	Completed Binder

For the remaining translation lessons, please view the Introduction to Translation video at <http://mmcdaniel.jimdo.com/translation.php>

August	3	Introduction to Translation, John 1.1, Matthew 5.6-7, Mark 8.34	
	10	Luke 4.18, John 3.16-17, Acts 16.6-7, Romans 12.1-2	
	17	Ephesians 2.5-7, Hebrews 12.1-2, 1 Peter 2.9	
	24	Final Project Due	

Due to the necessity of providing necessary instruction on the Logos Software package, the independent study will need to be extended into August. Your final grade will be submitted to the Registrar by September 15.