



**ERSKINE**  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

*For Christ and His Church*

**GK 502**  
**Greek II**  
**Spring Term, 2012**  
**Tuesdays, 8-11 A.M.**  
**Due West Campus**  
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**Course Description:** This course completes Greek Grammar I and introduces the student to the Greek New Testament and standard Greek lexica. *Prerequisite: GK 501 (Biblical Greek I). Students taking the Biblical languages must complete this course prior to taking their Greek exegesis course. Required for M.A.T.S. and M.Div. (with concentration) students. Three hours.*

**I. Course Objectives:** The mission statement of Erskine Seminary indicates that its purpose is to educate its students “for service in the Christian Church”, in particular, the study of the Bible “in its own literary, historical and theological settings”, so that the student may “interpret it with relevance and meaning applicable for today.” Competence in working with the New Testament Greek text is a major step towards achieving this mission statement. In this second semester language course, the student will learn further aspects of Greek syntax, New Testament vocabulary, expanded uses of the verbal system and begin translation of Biblical passages.

**II. Required Textbooks:**

Students are expected to secure their own copies of all required textbooks. As a convenience, the seminary has a bookstore portal of the website at <http://www.erskineseminary.org/bookstore.html>. There you will find links to familiar vendors (CBD and Amazon) and can check availability of texts, compare prices, and place orders. The ETS SBA will receive a modest percentage of the profits from students’ and professors’ purchases through this portal. The Erskine Campus Bookstore will carry a limited number of copies of every required text and orders for books can be placed through the Campus Bookstore.

Nestle, Eberhardt, Erwin, Nestle, and K. Aland, et.al. *Novum Testamentum Graece*, 27. Auflage. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1993. ISBN # 3-438-05100-1.

Machen, J.G. and D.G. McCartney, eds. *New Testament Greek for Beginners*, 2nd edition. Upper Saddle River: Prentice Hall, 2003. ISBN # 0-13-184234-X.

Gingrich, F.W, Danker, F.W., ed., 2d. ed. *Shorter Lexicon of the Greek New Testament*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1983. ISBN # 0-226-13613-2.

In addition, there will be small reading assignments and/or handouts throughout the course to help the student organize and understand the relatively large and diverse amount of material to be learned.

- III. Course Requirements:** Students are expected to attend every class meeting. If a student must be absent due to an emergency or illness for all or part of a session, the student is responsible for all work done and due for that session. *No more than three sessions may be missed.* Due to the nature of the course, in particular the compounding nature of language acquisition, missing classroom discussion will almost certainly adversely affect the student's performance on the scheduled exams. Students are expected to be adequately prepared for each class session, particularly the Greek vocabulary and grammar assignments due. Classroom exercises will constitute an important element of our learning together, and will be adversely affected by poor preparation.

**Two tests** and a **final exam** will be administered, related to material covered in classroom lectures, new grammar and vocabulary, as well as classroom exercises. The examinations must be taken on the assigned dates. See course outline below for the test dates.

- IV. Evaluation:** The Seminary grade scale will be used in determining a letter grade. The student's final grade will be calculated as follows:

Tests = 60% (30% each)  
Final Exam = 40%

Note: Completed and graded tests and papers will be returned to the student in a subsequent class period. Papers and tests tendered at the end of the semester (where impossible to return in class) will be held by the professor for pick-up by the student. Alternately, if the student wishes, the paper/test may be placed in the student's campus mailbox, or mailed to the student. In such cases, the student should indicate the mailbox number on the paper/test, or, when mailed, supply a SASE.

- V. Class Meeting Dates:** This course will meet on Tuesday mornings, from 8-11:00 A.M., in Due West. Classroom TBA.

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## Course Outline

A detailed plan of the course is difficult because the progress of the class will determine the speed at which we move. The *goal* for second semester Greek is to complete the Machen/McCartney grammar, and begin translation of basic New Testament texts.

### **Weeks 1-4, January 31, February 7, 14 and 21:**

**Introduction/Lectures:** The Greek participle; genitive absolute constructions; translation exercises.

**Test # 1:** Weeks 1-4 will be evaluated by means of an objective test on **February 28**.

### **Weeks 5-8, February 28, March 6, 13 and 20:**

**Lectures/Translation Exercises:** The subjunctive mood; infinitives; contract verbs; reflexive pronouns; translation exercises.

**Test # 2:** Weeks 5-8 will be evaluated by means of a test which will allow the student to demonstrate competence in rudimentary translation, declension of nouns and parsing. The test will be administered on **March 27**.

### **Weeks 9-13, March 27, April 10, 17, 24 and May 1:**

**Lectures/Translation Exercises:** Pronoun usage; imperative mood; perfect tenses; special grammatical matters and irregular verb formation; translation exercises and review.

Note that there will be *no class on April 3*, due to the Holy Week break, March 31-April 8.

**Final Exam:** The final exam will be administered during exam week, **May 7-10** (exact time and date TBA).