

BIBLICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

ESSENTIALS IN GREEK

Syllabus Revision of 1991

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I. SOME INTRODUCTORY MATERIALS

A. The Intent of this course

This course is intended to fill the academic need of students who are not required to take the formal language study but are required to take courses in which formal language references are used. The intent of the course is to the end that those students may have comprehension regarding the language terms and ideas that may be used in the study.

Appropriately the course is styled as a "TOOLS COURSE" or a plan of study to enable one to have basic language data as "tools" without the formal mastering of the language. This is the "tools course" in Greek...there is another one in Hebrew!

Personally it is hoped that the student will see the advantage of knowing the original languages and will continue to study them in the Seminary curriculum. But if this is not the case (the continued study) at least the student will have a representative knowledge of the function and service of the languages and will to that extent be informed about terms and ideas that occur in text discussions, etc.

B. Notes on the Modus Operandi of the course

1. Objectives for the course

- a. To familiarize the student with the basic elements of New Testament Greek including knowledge of the alphabet and the meaning of grammatical and syntactical ideas essential for understanding the development of exegesis.
- b. To enable the student to use Greek language tools such as the lexicon, concordance, word-study books, etc., and to understand technical terms that may arise in commentaries, etc.
- c. To show the student the services offered by a knowledge of Greek and to encourage the student in more detailed study.
- d. To allow the student to participate more freely in basic theological courses where a general understanding of Greek is desired.

2. To achieve these course objectives:

- a. Extensive use of materials such as that in Colwell/Tune's: A BEGINNER'S READER/GRAMMAR FOR NEW TESTAMENT GREEK in addition to this syllabus...
- b. A "buddy-system" is established for practice in reading and pronouncing Greek...