THEO 3215/5303

New Testament Greek I 新約希臘文（一）

10:30am – 12:15pm (Mon)   WMY 301
12:30pm – 1:15pm (Thu)   WMY 402

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1. **Course Description:**

The course introduces the basic grammar of Koine Greek. Students will learn basic grammatical components of the Greek language, such as nouns, verbs, adjectives, prepositions, etc. By lecturing the key points of grammar and doing excises on pronunciation and reading, the course is to help the students get familiar with the original language of New Testament texts. The ultimate goal of the course is that students are able to enjoy reading the NT texts or even translate them independently.

2. **Learning Outcomes:**

    1) Gain the basic knowledge of Koine Greek grammar.
    2) Memorize the frequent vocabulary of the New Testament.
    3) Understand the primary function of every component in a Greek sentence.
    4) Translate the simple texts.

3. **Learning Activities:**

There are various forms of learning activities in this course.
1) Lectures: There will be a 2-hour lecture every week, in which new topics of the Greek language will be introduced.
2) Tutorial: There will be also a 45-minute tutorial every Thursday, in which we will review some key concepts, do more exercises, and do several quizzes.
3) Group meetings: Students are divided into groups (3–4 persons/group) to help each other with revisions and doing exercises. (5 meetings, each for 1 hour) Worksheets should be submitted at the end of the semester.

4) Self-learning: Every week, students also need to finish after-class exercises (2 hours), review the key points and memorize the vocabulary and tables (3 hours), preview the course contents to come (1 hour), and read the Greek texts (John 1 and Matthew 6) (1 hour). (Total 7 hours a week)

4. **Course Syllabus:**

Topics	Contents
1. Pronunciation	Sound and rules of pronunciation of the alphabet and words
2. Noun	Declensions of nouns Pronouns Modifiers of nouns (e.g., adjectives)
3. Verb	Four basic tenses, basic moods and voices, deponent verbs, verb to-be, and sentence structures.
4. Preposition	Basic concepts of common prepositions

5. **Assessment:**

1) Class participation (10%)
2) Reading practice (5%)
    a. Read John 1 and Matthew 6.
    b. Upload the reading log to the Blackboard.
3) Home exercises (25%)
    a. Group meetings (10%, 2% for each)
    b. After-class exercises (15%, 1.5% for each)
4) Exams (60%)
    a. Quizzes (20%, 5% for each)
    b. Oral test (5%)
    c. Final exam (35%)

6. **Required Readings:**
    1) Textbook
        a. Black, David Alan. *Learn to Read New Testament Greek*. Nashville: B&H Publishing Group, 2009. Ebook version available at CUHK library (https://julac.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/primo-explore/fulldisplay?docid=CUHK_IZ51962428350003407&context=L&vid=CUHK&lang=e

2) Greek New Testament

   a. Novum Testamentum Graece (NA 28) (https://www.academic-bible.com/en/online-bibles/novum-testamentum-graece-na-28/read-the-bible-text/)

7. <u>**Recommended Readings:**</u>

1) Other NT Greek Grammar

   a. Decker, Rodney J. *Reading Koine Greek: An Introduction And Integrated Workbook*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2014.

   b. Duff, Jeremy. *The Elements of New Testament Greek*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005.

   c. Mounce, William D. *Basics of Biblical Greek*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1993.

2) Advanced reading

   a. Decker, Rodney. *Koine Greek Reader: Selections from the New Testament, Septuagint, and Early Christian Writers*. Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 2013.

   b. Wallace, Daniel B. *The Basics of New Testament Syntax: An Intermediate Greek Grammar.* Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2000.

   Ebook version available at CUHK library (https://julac.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/primo-explore/fulldisplay?docid=CUHK_IZ511020836870003407&context=L&vid=CUHK&lang=en_US&search_scope=All&adaptor=Local%20Search%20Engine&tab=default_tab&query=any,contains,2.Wallace,%20Daniel%20B.%20The%20Basics%20of%20New%20Testament%20Syntax:%20An&sortby=rank)

8. <u>**Course Schedule:**</u>

Week	Date	Content	Pre-class Reading
1.	5/9 (Mon) 8/9 (Thu)	Introduction of the course Greek alphabet	Course outline & Black, chp 1
2.	12/9 (Mon) 15/9 (Thu)	Holiday on 12/9 Tutorial: Nouns of Second Declension (1)	Black, chp 4
3.	19/9 (Mon) 22/9 (Thu)	Nouns of the second declension (2) Nouns of the first declension	Black, chp 5
4.	26/9 (Mon) 29/9 (Thu)	Verb system Present and future active indicative (1)	Black, chp 2

		Quiz 1	
5.	3/10 (Mon) 6/10 (Thu)	Present and future active indicative (2), basic sentences Adjectives of the First and Second declensions	Black, chp 3
6.	10/10 (Mon) 13/10 (Thu)	Adjectives of the First and Second declensions Quiz 2	Black, chp 6
7.	*17/10 (Mon) No tutorial	Imperfect and Aorist Active Indicative	Black, chp 7
8.	24/10 (Mon) 27/10 (Thu)	Additional Prepositions	Black, chp 8
9.	31/10 (Mon) 3/11 (Thu)	Personal and demonstrative pronouns Quiz 3	Black, chp 9, 11
10.	7/11 (Mon) 10/11 (Thu)	Perfect and Pluperfect Active Indicative	Black, chp 10
11.	14/11 (Mon) 17/11 (Thu)	Present Middle and Passive Indicative (1) Quiz 4	Black, chp 12
12.	*21/11 (Mon) No tutorial	Present Middle and Passive Indicative (2)	
13.	*28/11 (MOn)	Revision	
14.	5/12	Final exam and oral test	

[*] for full lecture (9:30 am – 12:15 pm)

9. Academic honesty and plagiarism:

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upon students' uploading of the soft copy of the assignment. **Assignments without the receipt will not be graded by teachers.** Only the final version of the assignment should be submitted via VeriGuide.