

ADVANCE Ministry Preparation

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The Chinese Baptist School of Church Leadership

華人浸信會教會領袖學院

CLS 2400 Greek New Testament Exegesis

CLS 2400 希臘文新約詮釋

Cantonese/Mandarin

粵語/華語

3 Credit Hours

3 學分

12-week online course

12周在線課程

About 4 hours of recorded video lectures and online interaction each week

每周約4小時的講座視頻和在線互動

Choice of Cantonese or Mandarin Video Lectures

自選粵語或華語視頻講座

Assignments may be submitted in Chinese or English

作業可以中文或英文提交

COURSE DESCRIPTION

課程簡介

An exegesis of a designated New Testament text Philippians with additional study of Greek grammar and syntax beyond that undertaken in Introduction to Biblical Greek.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

課程目的

Upon the successful completion of this course, the student should:

1. Demonstrate a greater proficiency in the use of the Greek language for personal and professional study;
2. Advance translation skills by producing a good English translation of New Testament passages;
3. Review and advance the understanding of Greek grammar, syntax, and vocabulary;
4. Advance in understanding issues of textual criticism;
5. Understand methodological approaches for exegesis and their impact on interpretation;
6. Develop the ability to use Greek language tools skillfully and effectively for both

- personal Bible study and for preparing studies for teaching or preaching;
7. Develop the desire for ongoing study in the Greek language for the effective sharing of the Gospel message.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

必備課本

Fee, Gordon. *Paul's Letter to the Philippians*. New International Commentary on the New Testament. Eerdmans, 1995.

*[for a cheaper option, look for a used copy or Kindle version]

Wallace, Daniel. *The Basics of New Testament Syntax: An Intermediate Greek Grammar*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009.

* The Zondervan+ language textbooks have online resources for Instructors and Students. Simply sign up for an account to have access to many useful resources, such as slides, quizzes, workbook answers, and much more. (<https://zondervanacademic.com/>)

GRADING

評分

Over the course of the semester the following evaluation exercises will be used to determine the level of mastery of course context achieved by each class participant:

1. ***Class attendance and participation*** (10%)
This will be in large and small group activities, essential to the learning process. Both the participation of the student on each class day and the degree to which the student has completed assignments in preparation for class will be factored in to the participation grade.
2. ***Reading*** (20%)
Students will read *Fee* and *Wallace* books.
3. ***Translations*** (20%)
Students will work on translations assigned in the course schedule and have ready for each weekly class. The instructor will check for completion rather than accuracy.
4. ***Weekly quizzes*** (20%)
A quiz will be given at the beginning of each class as noted in the schedule below. Quizzes will focus on material introduced in lectures and *Wallace* chapters assigned for the previous week. The four lowest quiz grades will be dropped.
5. ***Word Study*** (10%)
Students will conduct a word study from the book being studied. The word study will be 3-5 pages. This will inductively evaluate all occurrences of the word in the NT to produce a range of definitions and uses. They will then evaluate at least one Greek lexicon and/or word study resource for the definitions and uses to compare with their findings.

Following this, they will pick a passage in which the word occurs and evaluate its meaning in context. The word will be evaluated for its significance in context and how it affects the understanding of the passage.

6. ***Exegetical Paper*** (20%)

Students will write a detailed exegesis papers on a passage (5-10 verses), based on the Greek text of the book studied for the semester. Each paper will be 4-6 pages (or turned into presentations). The paper should include the following elements:

- a. Personal Translation of passage.
- b. Structural outline of the passage with an explanation following, based on Greek grammar and syntax.
- c. Textual and lexical analysis: include textual issues and variants, conduct word studies on key words, and assess the important literary components.
- d. Identify historical and cultural aspects in the passage and book context.
- e. Interpretations and Theology. Provide understanding of interpretation and theological insights for the passage based on inductive study. Identify a main idea of the text.
- f. Critical analysis of scholarly interpretations. Summarize and analyze the strengths and weaknesses of scholarly views of the passage, along with how your own interpretation corresponds.
- g. Contemporary relevance and application of the teachings for local context.

Semester Grades

<i>Participation</i>	10%
<i>Reading</i>	20%
<i>Translations</i>	20%
<i>Quizzes</i>	20%
<i>Word Study</i>	10%
<i>Exegetical paper</i>	20%
<i>Total</i>	100%

GRADING SCALE

評分等級

	A	A-
	94-100	90-93
B+	B	B-
87-89	84-86	80-83
C+	C	C-
77-79	74-76	70-73
D+	D	D-
67-69	64-66	60-63
	F	
	0-59	

LECTURES AND ASSIGNMENTS

講座與作業

Week	Lectures	Assignments
1	Introduction to Course Introduce value of biblical languages in ministry Introduce software and tools for using biblical Greek Lecture on <i>Wallace</i> : Cases - Nominative and Vocative Introduce NT Book (e.g. Philippians) Overview of exegetical method	
2	Lecture on <i>Wallace</i> : Cases - Genitive, Dative, Accusative Lecture on <i>Fee</i> : NT Exegesis Lecture on <i>Wallace</i> : The Article Special Lecture on Word Studies	Quiz on Week 1 Translate & Parse: Philippians 1:1-11
3	Lecture on <i>Wallace</i> : Adjectives and Pronouns Lecture on <i>Fee</i> : NT Exegesis	Quiz on Week 2 Translate & Parse: Philippians 1:12-18
4	Lecture on <i>Wallace</i> : Prepositions Lecture on <i>Fee</i> : NT Exegesis Special Lecture on Macro-structure/Discourse	Quiz on Week 3 Translate & Parse: Philippians 1:19-30
5	Lecture on <i>Wallace</i> : Person and Number Lecture on <i>Fee</i> : NT Exegesis Lecture on <i>Wallace</i> : Voice Special Lecture on Textual Criticism	Quiz on Week 4 Translate & Parse: Philippians 2:1-11
6	Lecture on <i>Wallace</i> : Moods - Indicative and Subjunctive Lecture on <i>Fee</i> : NT Exegesis	Quiz on Week 5 Translate & Parse: Philippians 2:12-18
7	Lecture on <i>Wallace</i> : Moods - Optative and Imperative Lecture on <i>Fee</i> : NT Exegesis Special Lecture on Exegetical Fallacies	Quiz on Week 6 Translate & Parse: Philippians 2:19-30 Word Study DUE
8	Lecture on <i>Wallace</i> : Tenses - Present, and Imperfect Lecture on <i>Fee</i> : NT Exegesis Lecture on <i>Wallace</i> : Tenses - Aorist, Future, Perfect, Pluperfect Special Lecture on Exegetical Tools (print	Quiz on Week 7 Translate & Parse: Philippians 3:1-16

	and electronic)	
9	Lecture on <i>Wallace</i> : Infinitives Lecture on <i>Fee</i> : <i>NT Exegesis</i>	Quiz on Week 8 Translate & Parse: Philippians 3:17-21
10	Lecture on <i>Wallace</i> : Participles Lecture on <i>Fee</i> : <i>NT Exegesis</i> Special Lecture on Using New Testament Greek in Ministry	Quiz on Week 9 Translate & Parse: Philippians 4:1-9
11	Lecture on <i>Wallace</i> : Conjunctions Lecture on <i>Fee</i> : <i>NT Exegesis</i>	Quiz on Week 10 Translate & Parse: Philippians 4:10-23
12	Lecture on <i>Wallace</i> : Clauses Review <i>Fee</i> , <i>Wallace</i> , <i>Philippians</i>	Quiz on Week 11 Exegetical Paper DUE

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

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HELPFUL RESOURCES

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LOGOS Bible Software. (This software is a helpful research tool for biblical languages and exegesis. Ensure Greek text is included. Students are eligible for a discount upon request – advance@gs.edu.)

Gateway Library Online: library.gs.edu has a number of online lexicons, commentaries, and language resources (use eBooks tab and Research Guides link)

Other Online Biblical Language Study Resources:

<https://biblehub.com/> (lexicon, interlinear, concordance)

<https://www.scripturedirect.com/index.php> (interlinear)

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/> (lexicon, interlinear, commentary)

<https://www.biblegateway.com/> (SBLGNT text)

<http://stephanus.tlg.uci.edu/> (Greek lexicon, sources)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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