

**School of Arts, Languages & Cultures, Faculty of Humanities
Course Unit Descriptor**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Course Unit title	New Testament Greek A
Unit code	126
Credit rating	10
Level	4
Contact hours	48
Pre-requisite units	n/a
Co-requisite units	n/a
School responsible	Spurgeon's College with School of Arts, Language and Cultures
Member of staff responsible	Peter Phillips
ECT	5
Notional hours of learning	100

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE UNIT

This unit focuses on basic grammar and syntax as contained in the textbook; it also offers a brief historical treatment of language and of the transmission of the text and pays attention to idiomatic expressions in New Testament Greek. Reading from the original text is emphasised from the start of the unit. The biblical text used is John's Gospel, with selections from the Letters of John. The teaching of grammatical forms and structures is supported by teacher-prepared handouts with forms being introduced in the context of New Testament examples.

The average student needs to set aside at least 4 hours per week for private study, including the revision of work, translation exercises and the learning of vocabulary. The exam covers grammar and comprehension questions, assisted translation and unseen translation; all passages are taken from John's Gospel. To facilitate learning there are short tests at appropriate stages.

AIMS

To introduce the grammar and syntax of New Testament Greek, to enable students to read selected passages from the New Testament with appropriate study aids and to develop the use of the language in exegesis.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

Category of outcome	By the end of this unit students should be able to:
Knowledge and understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate an understanding of basic grammar and syntax of New Testament Greek
Intellectual skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Translate straightforward New Testament passages into contemporary English with the help of appropriate study aids

Practical and Transferable skills; Personal qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> apply their understanding of Greek grammar and translation to basic exegesis and interpretation
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ASSESSMENT

Assessment task	Length	Weighting within unit
Formative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class test (word formation) 	25 minutes	N/A
Summative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written unseen examination (translation and grammar) 	2 hours	100%

FURTHER INFORMATION

Semester	1
Available on which programme(s)?	BA in Theology

Content	Seminar 1 – The Greek alphabet, UBS Greek NT 5 th Ed; reading aloud (Duff, Ch.1) Seminar 2 – Image Bearers, Language and Linguistics (Harris, Ch.1); Reading Practice... Seminar 3 – Basic Sentences (Duff, Ch. 2); Seminar 4 – The Greek Verb Form (Harris, Ch. 2) Seminar 5 – Cases & Gender (Duff, Ch.3) Seminar 6 – The Greek Noun (Harris, Ch.4) Seminar 7 – The Verb: Tenses/Aspect (Duff, Ch.6) Seminar 8 – Reprise Harris on Verbs (Harris, Ch.7-8) Seminar 9 – Reading Practice (John) Seminar 10 – Reading Practice (1, 2, 3 John) Seminar 11 – Moods (Duff, Ch.7) Seminar 12 – More on Cases and Verbs (Harris, Ch. 8) Seminar 13 – Other patterns of nouns and verbs (Duff, Ch.8) Seminar 14 – Reprise on Harris Ch.1 – English Grammar??? Seminar 15 – Pronouns and Conjunctions (Duff, Ch.9) Seminar 16 – Relatives, Demonstratives, Prepositions (Harris, Ch.9) Seminar 17 – Reading Practice (John) Seminar 18 – Reading Practice (1, 2, 3 John) Seminar 19 – Complex Sentences (Duff, Ch.10) Seminar 20 – How to Build a Verb (Harris, Ch. 3, 7, 10) Seminar 21 – Reading Practice (John) Seminar 22 – reading Practice (1, 2, 3 John)
Teaching method	Small seminar group
Additional eLearning content	Unit materials are available at Spurgeon's <i>Online</i> to support student learning
Feedback	Written feedback to students within 15 working days from submission
Date of approval	
Information updated on	August 2020

INDICATIVE READING

Textbook:	Duff, Jeremy, <i>The Elements of New Testament Greek</i> 3rd edn (Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press, 2005)
Indicative reading:	Aland, K., et al (ed.), <i>The Greek New Testament</i> 5th edn (Stuttgart: UBS, 2014); see also https://www.academic-bible.com/en/online-bibles/novum-testamentum-graece-na-28/read-the-bible-text/bibelstelle/Matthew%201/bibel/text/lesen/ch/8e3d86b65f7bb34850c65b2bfd0766b6/
Plus one of the following:	Harris, D.H. <i>An Introduction to Biblical Greek Grammar</i> (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Academic, 2020) and online at https://perlego.com/book/1243010/ Mounce, W. <i>Basics of Biblical Greek Grammar</i> (4 th Edition, Zondervan, 2019) and online at https://perlego.com/book/748042/ Grosvenor, M., <i>A Grammatical Analysis of the Greek New Testament</i> 5th edn (Rome: Editrice Pontificio Istituto Biblico, 1996) Bauer, W. and F.W. Danker, <i>A Greek English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature</i> (Chicago: UniChicago Press, 2010) and online at https://perlego.com/book/1852762/
After completing the unit:	Goodrich, R., and D. Diewert, <i>A Summer Reader. A Workbook For Maintaining Your Biblical Greek</i> (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2001)