

# Intermediate Hellenistic Greek II

Wycliffe College, Toronto School of Theology  
Course website: [portal.utoronto.ca](http://portal.utoronto.ca)

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(proposed times):

Tuesday: 4:00-5:30

Thursday: 4:00-5:30

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Tuesday and Thursday before class [or as arranged]

## Course Syllabus

### I. Course Description

This course is designed to offer students with an intermediate knowledge of Greek the opportunity to increase their fluency in Greek reading and to explore the diversity of Hellenistic Greek. It follows upon Intermediate Hellenistic Greek I (or 3 semesters of Greek). The aim is to practice extended reading in Greek, to introduce the students to a variety of Greek texts, both canonical and extra-canonical, and to continue to work with more advanced grammatical and syntactical concepts.

### II. Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will be able to demonstrate the following skills:

COURSE OUTCOMES	COURSE ELEMENT	PROGRAM OUTCOMES
By the end of this course, students	This outcome will be achieved through these course elements:	This course outcome corresponds to these aspects of Wycliffe's statements of outcomes (MTS, MDiv)
• students will be able to translate Hellenistic Greek in several genres and styles at an advanced-intermediate level and read short unseen	Weekly translation assignments; sight translation on weekly quizzes;	MTS: 1.7 MDiv: 1.7

passages from outside the New Testament	Final exam.	
• students will be able to apply standard translation techniques in Hellenistic Greek to analyze Greek texts grammatically and syntactically	In-class grammatical analysis; Weekly quizzes and homework; Final exam.	<b>MTS:</b> 1.7 <b>MDiv:</b> 1.7
• students will understand and be able to use advanced grammatical forms and concepts such as the optative and its various uses, indirect discourse and the sequence of moods, and the several classes of conditional sentences	Weekly grammar exercises and instruction keyed to the Greek text; Weekly quizzes; Final exam	<b>MTS:</b> 1.7 <b>MDiv:</b> 1.7
• students will be able to analyze and discuss word-use and syntax for their contribution to a text's meaning	In – class discussion; Final exam.	<b>MTS:</b> 1.7 <b>MDiv:</b> 1.7

### III. Course Requirements

#### A. Required Texts:

Aland, Kurt, et al., eds. *Novum Testamentum Graece*. 28th rev. edition. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 2012. *OR*  
Aland, Kurt, et al., eds. *The Greek New Testament*. 4<sup>th</sup> edition. Stuttgart: United Bible Societies, 1993. [UBS<sup>4</sup>].

Whitacre, Rodney A. *A Patristic Greek Reader*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2007.

#### B. Recommended Texts

Bauer-Danker-Arndt-Gingrich. *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Chicago: Chicago University Press, 2000.

McLean, Bradley. *Hellenistic and Biblical Greek: A Graduated Reader*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014.

## C. Course Evaluation

Evaluation will be based on class participation (including ease in reading the Greek text out loud), weekly quizzes and a final exam involving translation, parsing and analysis.

Class participation: 20%

Greek reading: 10%

Weekly quizzes (top 10 out of 11): 30%

Final exam: 40%

## IV. Course Schedule

The course will follow a weekly schedule of readings chosen to introduce students to Hellenistic Greek in a variety of styles and genres. Readings include texts such as 2 Maccabees (Martyrdom of Eleazar), Ignatius of Antioch, Martyrdom of Polycarp and (Greek) Perpetua, Magician's Handbook, Josephus. The readings will be chosen also to demonstrate to students the ways in which the language of the texts, and in particular aspects of their style, affects both their meaning and their impact.

Course work will include extended translation, vocabulary work and parsing in preparation for class as well as in class; practice reading out loud in Greek; readings and exercises designed to explain advanced grammatical concepts; and analysis of texts.

## V. Other helpful resources

Metzger, Bruce M. *Lexical Aids for Students of New Testament Greek*. New Edition. Princeton, N.J.: Metzger, 1969.

Smyth, Herbert Weir. *Greek Grammar*. Rev. by Gordon M. Messing. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1956.

Tabbernee, William, ed. *Early Christianity in Contexts: An Exploration across Cultures and Continents*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2014.