

# -----Preliminary Draft of Syllabus-----

The Following Syllabus Is A Tentative Draft Only.  
Although The Basic Shape Of The Course Will Remain The Same, Details May Change.

## **BTS-4140/5140 Readings in Biblical Greek** Canadian Mennonite University

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Slot 11: Tues. and Thurs., 4:00-5:15 p.m.

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### **Course Syllabus**

#### **Course Description**

Building upon the foundation of grammar and vocabulary acquired in introductory Greek, this course focuses on translation and interpretation of selected New Testament Greek texts from a range of genres and styles. Attention will be given to learning the essentials of Greek syntax in addition to increasing competence in vocabulary and grammar. The course will also introduce students to the basic skills essential for New Testament exegesis based on the Greek text. Elementary Biblical Greek is a prerequisite for this course.

#### **Course Goals and Objectives**

The goal of this course is to enable students to read the Greek New Testament and to learn basic skills of exegesis so that they may use the Greek text in their study of the Bible and in their preaching, and teaching.

Specifically, in this course students will

1. increase their knowledge of the vocabulary in the Greek New Testament;
2. gain proficiency in analyzing grammar and syntax of the Greek text and in using such analysis in their exegetical work;
3. improve their ability to translate New Testament Greek into English;
4. learn some of the basic skills for doing New Testament exegesis and gain experience in using those skills;
5. become familiar with basic principles and methods of textual criticism and the critical apparatus in their Greek New Testaments;
6. grow in familiarity and experience with a number of Greek language resources, such as lexicons, grammars, parsing guides, computer software, and concordances.

#### **Textbooks (tentative)**

- *The Greek New Testament*, either UBS 5<sup>th</sup> edition or Nestle-Aland, 28<sup>th</sup> edition
- Daniel B. Wallace, *The Basics of New Testament Syntax. An Intermediate Greek Grammar*, (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2000).

- A resource for expanding Greek vocabulary; possibly Bruce M. Metzger, *Lexical Aids for Students of New Testament Greek*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 1997).
- a book on using Greek for exegesis – to be determined
- a Greek-English lexicon:  
either William Gingrich, *Shorter Lexicon of the Greek New Testament*, 2nd ed., rev. by Frederick Danker (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1983)  
or *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., based on previous editions by Bauer, Arndt, Gingrich, and Danker and revised and edited by F.W. Danker (Chicago: U. of Chicago Press, 2000)

### **Course Requirements (tentative)**

1. Class attendance and participation. The study of a foreign language requires diligence and practice. Therefore, class attendance and active participation in class are essential for successful completion of the course.
2. Readings from the textbooks and occasional other readings from the reserve shelf in the library or online sources.
3. Translation and syntactical analysis of assigned readings from the Greek New Testament. Students are expected to participate in translation and analysis in class on the basis of work done prior to class on daily assignments.
4. Completion of a number of self-paced vocabulary quizzes and three in-class grammatical quizzes.
5. Preparation of a notebook containing all background work for daily translation and analysis of texts, notes on readings, and vocabulary quizzes.
6. Exegetical study and presentation -- translation, analysis and short exegesis of a passage of Scripture and presentation of this text in class.
7. Final examination

### **Course Evaluation (tentative)**

1.	Class preparation and notebook containing daily work and notes	15%
2.	Vocabulary quizzes	5%
3.	Grammar and translation quizzes	20%
4.	Exegetical study and presentation	30%
5.	Final examination	30%