



Exchange programme Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

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Exchange

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam offers many English-taught courses in a variety of subjects, ranging from arts & culture and social sciences, neurosciences and computer science, to economics and business administration.

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Greek I + New Testament

Course Code	G_BATRSAL003
Credits	6
Period	P1
Course Level	200
Language Of Tuition	English
Faculty	Faculty of Religion and Theology
Course Coordinator	dr. S. Castelli
Examiner	dr. S. Castelli
Teaching Staff	dr. A. Yi
Teaching method(s)	Seminar

Course Objective

After finishing this course, the student:

- can read and write simple sentences in Greek (1);
- have a prompt knowledge of the grammar sections covered in the course (mostly morphology and basic syntax) and of the basics of Koinē Greek (2);
- can recognise and explain the grammatical elements in simple sentences of the New Testament (3);
- have the competences to translate simple sentences from the New Testament into current English (4).

Course Content

In this course, students lay an important foundation for the independent study of the original language of the New Testament and of Early Christian, Jewish-Greek, and Greco-Roman sources that will be studied later in the curriculum. Students learn Koinē Greek through attendance of the tutorials, though discussing and correcting assignments together in the class, and through self-study. Students will acquire a basic knowledge of phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics that will enable them to independently read, write, understand, analyse, and translate simple sentences in Koinē Greek.

Additional Information Teaching Methods

Lectures/tutorials, practice assignments, self-study.

Method of Assessment

Assignments and active participation in the class: 40%

Final exam: 60%

The instructor will systematically check and correct the students' assignments. Assignments and active participation in the class count for 40% of the final grade. Reading and writing (objective 1) will be tested through participation in the class and assignments. In the final, written exam the rest of the learning objectives will be tested (grammar, application of grammar, analysis, translation from Greek into English). The final exam count for 60% of the final grade.

Literature

Mandatory

J. Duff, *The Elements of New Testament Greek*. 3rd ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005. (+ Memrise to practice and build up the vocabulary)

Optional (the following texts will be used for Greek II and especially Greek III):

E. Nestle and K. Aland, *Novum Testamentum Graece*. 28th ed. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 2013. [NA 28]

W. Bauer and F.W. Danker, *Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament & Other Early Christian Literature* 3rd ed. University of Chicago Press, 2001. Or: F.W. Danker, *The Concise Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*, 1st ed., University of Chicago Press, 2009.

Additional Information Target Audience

The course is open to BA and MA students, but also to PhD students who would like to learn Greek as part of their training.

Additional Information

Considering the intensive nature of the study of Greek, the numerous tips and explanations provided by the teacher, and the amount of exercise and reading aloud that will be done together during the course, attendance is mandatory. Attendance of 80% of the classes is necessary to take the final exam. Students must notify the teacher in case they will be absent for sickness or urgent matters.

Recommended background knowledge

No knowledge of Greek is assumed. However, students who do not have knowledge of basic linguistic analysis will have to bring it up to standard mostly through self-study.