

Koine Greek I

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Course Description

Let's dive into Ancient Greek! This course introduces high school students to **Koine Greek**, the language of the Greco-Roman world. Students will develop a strong foundation in the Greek alphabet, pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar, and sentence structure.

Throughout the semester, students will learn how Greek works as a language—building skills in reading, writing, and translating simple passages. Emphasis is placed on understanding noun and verb systems, recognizing patterns, and developing confidence in translation.

This course combines academic rigor with a supportive and engaging learning environment. Through music, hands-on activities, and creative exercises, students will experience Greek in a dynamic and memorable way. By the end of the semester, students will be prepared to continue into Greek II.

Course Information

- **Schedule:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00 AM
- **Dates:** August 18 – November 19
- **Location:** East Anchorage
- **Audience:** Middle and high school students (no prior Greek required)

Materials

Required Materials to Purchase:

- *Peter Rabbit and Other Stories in Koine Greek* by Gary T. Manning

Optional Materials: All additional optional instructional materials will be provided by the instructor:

- *Basics of Biblical Greek Grammar* by William D. Mounce
 - *Basics of Biblical Greek Workbook* by William D. Mounce
 - *ESV Bible*
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Course Objectives

By the end of this course, students, with proper studying and engagement, will be able to:

- Read and write the Greek alphabet fluently
 - Pronounce Koine Greek with confidence
 - Recognize and use core vocabulary
 - Understand key grammatical concepts (cases, verb tenses, etc.)
 - Translate simple passages from ancient texts (Josephus, New Testament, Apolistic Fathers)
 - Analyze basic Greek sentence structure
 - Demonstrate readiness for Greek II
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Course Structure

Each week includes:

- Direct grammar instruction
- Guided practice and examples
- Vocabulary development
- Translation exercises (including adapted readings)
- Review and reinforcement

Weekly Schedule Overview

Week	Topic	Key Concepts & Skills
Week 1	Alphabet & Pronunciation	Greek alphabet, vowel sounds, diphthongs, breathing marks, reading aloud
Week 2	Nouns & Case System	Introduction to nouns, four cases, basic sentence roles, vocabulary
Week 3	First Declension Nouns	Feminine noun patterns, articles, agreement, translation practice
Week 4	Second Declension Nouns	Masculine & neuter forms, article usage, sentence translation
Week 5	Prepositions & εἰμί	Common prepositions, cases, verb "to be," simple sentence building
Week 6	Adjectives	Adjective agreement, attributive & predicate positions
Week 7	Present Active Indicative	Verb basics, present tense endings, parsing verbs
Week 8	Contract Verbs	Contract verb patterns (-αω, -εω, -οω), vowel changes
Week 9	Personal Pronouns	1st & 2nd person pronouns, sentence usage, translation
Week 10	Imperfect Tense	Past tense formation, augment, continuous past action
Week 11	Future Tense	Future formation, sigma marker, translating future actions
Week 12	Aorist Active	Aorist tense, first aorist formation, simple past action
Week 13	Aorist Middle	Middle voice, forms, translation practice
Week 14	Aorist Passive	Passive voice, forms, identifying voice

Assessment & Grading

Student progress will be evaluated through consistent practice, quizzes, and cumulative assessments. This course emphasizes both understanding and active engagement.

Grading Breakdown

- **Quizzes (Weekly on Thursdays):** 30%
- **Homework Assignments:** 40%
- **Midterm Exam:** 15%
- **Final Exam:** 15%

Assignment Expectations

Homework (2 assignments per week)

Students will complete **two homework assignments each week**, typically including:

- Vocabulary practice and memorization
- Grammar exercises
- Translation practice

Homework is designed to reinforce concepts taught in class and prepare students for quizzes. Each class, we will go over homework and grade it for real time feedback and questions.

Quizzes (Every Thursday)

- Weekly quizzes will assess:
 - Vocabulary
 - Grammar concepts
 - Basic translation skills
 - Students are expected to **study material throughout the week**, not just the night before
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Midterm Exam

- Covers all material from the first half of the course
 - Focuses on comprehension, not just memorization
 - Includes:
 - Vocabulary
 - Grammar
 - Translation
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Final Exam

- Comprehensive assessment of the entire course
- Emphasizes:
 - Reading comprehension
 - Grammar mastery
 - Translation ability

Classroom Approach

This is **not a typical language classroom**. Students will actively engage in learning through:

- **Songs and tunes** to reinforce vocabulary and grammar
- **Hands-on activities** (building, visual aids, and creative projects)
- **Interactive practice** and group work

To succeed in this course, students should:

- Complete two homework assignments each week
- Review vocabulary daily
- Practice reading Greek regularly
- Prepare consistently for Thursday quizzes
- Ask questions and seek help when needed

Final Note

Ancient Greek is both challenging and very rewarding. This course is designed not only to teach a language, but also to strengthen critical thinking, deepen understanding, and cultivate a lasting appreciation for the text.