

NT400 Summer Greek 2021

Χαίρετε! (Greetings!)

My name is Brad Bitner and I will be your professor for Summer Greek. I am eager to meet you soon and to get to know you. Until then, please find below some resources that you may find helpful in preparing for our five-week summer course. Don't worry if you aren't going to be able to dedicate much time to Greek preparation before the start of class. And don't be anxious! We will begin together at the beginning. But if you are someone who is eager to have a peek or excited to get a bit of a head start, you might like to tap into some of the resources below.

ἐν Χριστῷ (In Christ),
Dr. Brad Bitner

Texts

Required for NT400 (Greek I)

1. S. M. Baugh, *A New Testament Greek Primer*. 3rd edition. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R, 2012.

This is the key text we'll be working through in Summer Greek. Make sure you get ahold of a copy. Feel free to begin to familiarize yourself with the layout. This is available through the WSC bookstore.

Optional for NT400 (Greek I) but required for NT401 (Greek II)

2. Nestle-Aland, *Novum Testamentum Graece*. 28th edition [=NA28]. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 2012.

This is the standard academic/seminary critical edition of the Greek New Testament. You won't strictly need this for Summer Greek. But I'll be referring to it. And for those of you who might take me up on my challenge to begin *reading* a bit of NT Greek each day, this would be an easy way to access the text. If you want to hold off, the same exact text is available freely online at

<https://www.academic-bible.com/en/online-bibles/novum-testamentum-graece-na-28/read-the-bible-text/>.

Optional but helpful for Greek II and beyond

3. *The Greek New Testament, Produced at Tyndale House, Cambridge*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2017.

This is not a required text for any class (yet!). But it is a wonderful Greek New Testament designed for ease of *reading*. During Summer Greek, I'll refer to it and explain the differences between it and the other Greek NT above.

If you want to get a head start

Read, watch, listen

1. Baugh, *Primer*, "Introduction to Language Study," vi-vii.

2. *Basic English Grammar for Learning Latin*

–Part I: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dKG68y2VC0Y>

–Part II: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gox0p-gRxBw>

Although this says "Latin," it's all extremely helpful for Greek, too!

3. Peter J. Silzer and Thomas J. Finley, *How Biblical Languages Work: A Student's Guide to Learning Hebrew and Greek*. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel, 2004, 209-229 (Chapter 8).

Available in Populi under "Files" on the "Syllabus" tab in the Greek I course page. Includes some useful tips for approaching the study of biblical languages.

4. Baugh, *Primer*, Lesson 1.

Start to learn to read, write, and recognize the alphabet (we will talk more about pronunciation and accents in week 1 of Summer Greek). If you haven't purchased the Primer yet, there is a two page guide by Lee in Populi, same location as the above file.

5. Daily Dose of Greek videos.

<https://dailydoseofgreek.com/>

Very helpful daily 2-minute videos. Prof. Rob Plummer from Southern Seminary takes one verse a day, reads it, and walks through it making grammatical and other comments. I recommend signing up for this now to land in your email inbox even though you won't fully be able to engage with and appreciate it until mid-way through Summer Greek.