GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTION

Term: Spring 2011
Instructor: Dr. Julian V. Hills
Course #: THEO 8211
Course Title: Advanced Hellenistic Greek

Content:

Advanced grammar; readings in texts from 300 B.C. to A.D. 300. Emphasis on the language of the New Testament as reflective of continuity and change in Greek vocabulary, morphology, syntax, style; and on the historical context and theology of these texts. (from the Graduate School Bulletin.)

Format:

[NOTE: BEGINNERS — Please consult with Dr. Hills about the possibility of setting up a special beginner's contract, (see item 1. below) as other students have done in previous semesters.]
1. A rapid review of basic grammar as we do our initial prepared and sight readings;
2. Advanced grammar, a few NT readings, + a selection of Jewish, Christian, and pagan texts;
3. The pace of the class will of course depend on the students' previous work in Greek.

Assignments and/or Examinations:

1. The development of an individual "contract" with Dr. Hills, specifying work reasonably expected to be done — initially, I shall ask each student to prepare a "Greek autobiography," to be discussed individually.
2. Weekly assignments:
   (a) sight reading, in class and on your own;
   (b) very brief vocabulary and paradigm quizzes;
   (c) translation and analysis of texts from the following: the Septuagint; apocrypha and pseudepigrapha; Philo and Josephus; post-New Testament Christian authors; pagan writers; inscriptions. Suggestions as to texts to be read will be most welcome! Most students will prepare a full set of analytical notes for at least three texts.
3. A final examination, probably 3-hour "Take Home" — use of Greek to English lexicon permitted (but NOT grammar).

Language Pre-requisites:

• None