

# GREEK (BLGR)

The purpose of these courses is to provide students with tools that will enable them to use the Greek language in the study, interpretation, and exposition of the Word of God and to prepare students for future graduate studies.

Upon completion of 12 credits of Greek, it is intended that the student will be able to read and translate the original text with accuracy using a standard lexicon and grammar, explain basic grammatical and syntactical features of the text, exegete a biblical text accurately, and undertake individual research in biblical and related background material. Two years of Greek (BLGR 101, BLGR 102, BLGR 201, and BLGR 202) will fulfill the general education foreign language requirement.

## Elementary Greek Grammar Challenge Exam

This challenge exam is designed for those who have a firm grasp of elementary Greek grammar (a.k.a. first-year Greek) as a result of prior learning (e.g., taking a rigorous NT Greek sequence of courses in high school or in an online program such as those by Zondervan, BibleMesh, and others), but were not able to transfer that work to Biola. Informal, personal study normally will not adequately prepare one to pass this exam. There is one exam that covers all of first-year Greek, i.e., BLGR 101 (3 credits) and BLGR 102 (3 credits). Challenge exams have fees, see the Financial Information (<https://catalog.biola.edu/financial-information/special-fees-undergraduate/>) section for details.

Successful performance must be attained in order for the student to receive credit for the challenge exam. It is possible for a student to perform well enough to get credit for both BLGR 101 and BLGR 102 (6 credits); but some students will get credit for only BLGR 101 (3 credits) and be required to take the BLGR 102 course. Grades for the challenge exam are recorded on a credit or no credit basis only. Because successful completion of first-year Greek is a prerequisite for second-year Greek, the challenge exam must be taken in the summer before the student wishes to enter the second-year Greek sequence beginning in the Fall term. No re-takes are permitted.

## Courses

**BLGR 101 - Elementary Greek Grammar I** **Credits 3**  
An introductory study of the basic elements of New Testament Greek, emphasizing syntax and development of vocabulary. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Foreign Language. **Grade Mode:** A, C.  
**Restriction(s):** Must be Undergraduate Level.

**BLGR 102 - Elementary Greek Grammar II** **Credits 3**  
An introductory study of the basic elements of New Testament Greek, emphasizing syntax and development of vocabulary. Translation of selected portions of the New Testament, with extensive translation of a selected New Testament book in the second semester. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Foreign Language. **Grade Mode:** A, C.  
**Prerequisite(s):** BLGR 101.  
**Restriction(s):** Must be Undergraduate Level.

**BLGR 201 - Intermediate Greek Grammar and Exegesis I** **Credits 3**  
A comprehensive survey of New Testament Greek grammar and vocabulary which builds upon the first year of study. Introduction to textual criticism and exegetical methodology which will aid students in interpreting the New Testament. Reading in selected portions of the New Testament. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Foreign Language. **Grade Mode:** A.

**Prerequisite(s):** BLGR 102.

**Restriction(s):** Must be Undergraduate Level.

**BLGR 202 - Intermediate Greek Grammar and Exegesis II** **Credits 3**  
A comprehensive survey of New Testament Greek grammar and vocabulary which builds upon the first year of study. Introduction to textual criticism and exegetical methodology which will aid students in interpreting the New Testament. Reading in selected portions of the New Testament. Core Curriculum: Approved for Core - Foreign Language. **Grade Mode:** A.

**Prerequisite(s):** BLGR 201.

**Restriction(s):** Must be Undergraduate Level.

**BLGR 304 - Studies in Biblical Greek** **Credits 1-4**  
Exegesis of biblical Greek texts for advanced students, with attention to translation, grammar, backgrounds, interpretation, and problems of analysis. Study may include one or more portions of New Testament literature. **Note(s):** May be taken multiple times with different content. **Grade Mode:** A.

**Prerequisite(s):** BLGR 202.

**Restriction(s):** Must be Undergraduate Level.

**Repeat Limit (after first attempt):** 10.

**BLGR 305 - Studies in Biblical Greek** **Credits 1-4**  
Exegesis of biblical Greek texts for advanced students, with attention to translation, grammar, backgrounds, interpretation, and problems of analysis. Study may include one or more portions of New Testament literature. **Note(s):** May be taken multiple times for credit with different content. **Grade Mode:** A.

**Prerequisite(s):** BLGR 202.

**Restriction(s):** Must be Undergraduate Level.

**Repeat Limit (after first attempt):** 10.

**BLGR 403 - Hellenistic Greek** **Credits 3**  
Readings from the Jewish, patristic and pagan writers of the Hellenistic period, including the Septuagint, with attention to literary analysis and comparison with relevant biblical authors. Opportunity may be given to use the GRAMCORD and Ibycus computer projects. **Grade Mode:** A.  
**Prerequisite(s):** BLGR 202 or equivalent.

**Restriction(s):** Must be Undergraduate Level.

**Repeat Limit (after first attempt):** 2.

**BLGR 405 - Advanced New Testament Textual Criticism** **Credits 3**  
A survey of the materials, history and theories of New Testament textual criticism. **Grade Mode:** A.

**Prerequisite(s):** BLGR 202.

**Restriction(s):** Must be Undergraduate Level.

**BLGR 407 - Advanced Greek Grammar** **Credits 3**  
An advanced study of syntax focusing on nuances of grammar and style. To facilitate this study, in addition to the use of advanced grammar, special studies and articles, extensive use is made of examples drawn from biblical and extra-biblical literature. **Grade Mode:** A.

**Prerequisite(s):** BLGR 304 and BLGR 305.

**Restriction(s):** Must be Undergraduate Level.

**BLGR 480 - Directed Research**

**Credits 1-3**

Individual research and writing for advanced students by special arrangement. Study may include concentration in New Testament literature, history, textual criticism, specialized grammatical or lexical projects, introductory matters, or New Testament theology. **Note(s):** May be taken multiple times with different content. **Grade Mode:** A. **Prerequisite(s):** BLGR 202 and at least 6 credits of upper-division Greek.

**Restriction(s):** Must be Undergraduate Level.

**Repeat Limit (after first attempt):** 10.