BIBL 5112 – NEW TESTAMENT GREEK READINGS (Sections 1–2; 1 hr)

Colossians and Philemon

NORTH PARK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Spring 2027, **Tues 12-1pm**, Location: **Nyvall TBA**

[Feel free to bring a snack, lunch, coffee and eat while reading Greek!]

Instructor: **Max Lee**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The aim of the class is to maintain and increase the facility of students to read and translate New Testament Greek.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. translate selected New Testament Greek texts, applying their understanding of Greek grammar to the task;
2. demonstrate their understanding of text-critical issues in selected New Testament Greek texts and their impact on translation

CONTENT

The course includes:the translation and discussion of selected New Testament Greek texts, with attention to grammar and to text-critical issues.

PRE-REQUISITES

BIBL5109 and BIBL5110 (Greek 1-2)

PROCEDURE

At each meeting we will translate and discuss verses from a selected text. Students should come prepared to take a turn at translation, having parsed all the verbs and having considered the grammatical structure of each sentence.

ASSESSMENTS

Note: This class is a one credit class and will be graded on a Pass/Fail basis. Students who achieve a standard equivalent to a grade of C- will pass.

1. Attendance. A register will be taken. **If you have a difficulty please speak to the instructor about it.** Illness and other unforeseen circumstances beyond your control will be regarded sympathetically, but poor planning on your part is not a good excuse.
2. Students will prepare and hand in a worksheet for each class (the first worksheet is attached), showing their translation of the text and parsing all the verbs. As far as possible the use of computerized aids should be avoided.

GRADING

Worksheets	60%
Class Attendance and Participation	40%

CLASS SCHEDULE

There are no classes during the Spring Reading Week or during Midwinter.

Class 1 – Jan 12 **Col 1:1-8:** Greetings to the church founded by Epaphras **No class – Midwinter Conference** **Class 2 – Jan 19** **Col 1:9-16:** Paul's prayer and the beginning of the Christ Hymn **Class 3 – Jan 26** **Col 1:17-27**: The Christ Hymn (cont) **Class 4 – Feb 2** **Col 1:28–2:7:** Paul's goal **Class 5 – Feb 9** **Col 2:8–15:** The Power of the Cross **Class 6 – Feb 16** **Col 2:16–23:** The Colossian Heresy? **Class 7 – Feb 23** **Col 3:1-8:** Made Alive in Christ **Class 7 – Mar 2** **Col 3:9–16** The Reign of Christ's Peace **No class – Spring Reading Week (Mar 8–12)**	**Class 9 – Mar 16** **Col 3:17–4:1** The Household Codes **Class 10 – Mar 23** **Col 4:2–9:** Final Exhortations **Class 11 – Mar 30** **Col 4:10-18:** Letter Closing **Class 12 –Apr 6** **Philemon 1:1-7:** A Pastoral Letter to Philemon's Household and Church **Class 13 – Apr 13** **Philemon 1:8-16:** Onesimus, Brother or Slave or Both **Class 14 – Apr 20** **Philemon 1:17-25:** Partners in Ministry **Class 15 – Apr 27** **Mystery Text:** or wrap up Philemon if we feel behind in the schedule **No class during finals week** **You made it!**

BIBLIOGRAPHY

REQUIRED TEXTS

1. **A Greek New Testament**: Richard J. Goodrich, and Albert L. Lukaszewski, eds. ***A Reader's Greek New Testament*** (**4th ed**.; Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2015). ISBN-10: 0310180449 ISBN-13: 978-0310180449
   OR: UBS6

2. **A Lexicon**: Danker, Frederick W. ***The Concise Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament.*** Chicago: University Of Chicago Press, 2009 [ISBN: 0226136159];
   OR: Bauer-Danker-Arndt-Gingrich, *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and other Early Christian Literature* (Chicago: University Press, 2000)
   OR: an equivalent lexicon\

3. **A Syntax Grammar**: Wallace, Daniel B. ***Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics***. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1997 [ISBN: 0310218950]
   OR: an equivalent grammar on Greek syntax

RECOMMMENDED

Any commentary on **Colossians/Philemon**, as long as it is academic and critical. Brandel Library has many of which you can check out and use

ADDITIONAL COURSE GUIDELINES

ACADEMIC HONESTY

In keeping with our Christian heritage and commitment, North Park University is committed to the highest possible ethical and moral standards. Just as we will constantly strive to live up to these high standards, we expect our students to do the same. To that end, cheating of any sort will not be tolerated. Students who are discovered cheating will receive a failing grade on the assignment and are subject to discipline up to and including failure of a course and expulsion. Our definition of cheating includes but is not limited to:

1. Plagiarism – the use of another's work as one's own without giving credit to the individual. This includes using materials from the internet.
2. Copying another's answers on an examination.
3. Deliberately allowing another to copy one's answers or work.
4. Signing an attendance roster for another who is not present.

For additional information, see the Seminary Academic Catalog, pp. 25–27.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Students with disabilities who believe that they may need accommodations in this class are encouraged to contact their program's office (773-244-5619) as soon as possible to ensure accommodations are implemented in a timely manner. For further information, see Seminary Catalog, p. 17 and "Disability Resources" provided through North Park's Office of Student Enrichment Services and Support.

TITLE IX
Students who believe they have been harassed, discriminated against, or involved in sexual violence should contact the Dean of Students (773-244-5565) or Director of Human Resources (773-244-5599) for information about campus resources and support services, including confidential counseling services. As a member of the North Park faculty, we are concerned about the well-being and development of our students, and are available to discuss any concerns.

Faculty are legally obligated to share information with the University's Title IX coordinator in certain situations to help ensure that the student's safety and welfare is being addressed, consistent with the requirements of the law. These disclosures include but are not limited to reports of sexual assault, relational/domestic violence, and stalking.

Please refer to North Park's Safe Community site for contact information and further details.