

Resources for PhD Language Requirements

Free Digital Textbooks

English (for English learners)

There are a great many reading, writing, and grammar textbooks for college- and graduate-level students who are learners of English. The [Open Textbook Library](#) and [Open Educational Resources Commons](#) are great places to look.

- Al Haider, Rebecca. *Advanced Academic Grammar for ESL Students*. Reedly, CA: Rebecca Al Haider, 2021.
<https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/advanced-academic-grammar-for-esl-students>
- Davenport, Charity. *It's All Greek to Me! Using Authentic Readings to Improve Knowledge of the English Language and Western Culture*. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Libraries, 2019.
<https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/it-s-all-greek-to-me-using-authentic-readings-to-improve-knowledge-of-the-english-language-and-western-culture>
- Kochem, Timothy, Monica G. Ghosh, Lily Compton, and Elena Cotos. *Oral Communication for Non-Native Speakers of English*. Ames, IA: Iowa State University Digital Press.
<https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/oral-communication-for-non-native-speakers-of-english>

German

- Martin, Howard and Alan Ng. *A Foundational Course in Reading German*. Madison: University of Wisconsin, 2017.
<https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/520>

Greek (New Testament)

- Ewald, Owen. *Elementary New Testament Greek*. Seattle: Seattle Pacific University Library, 2022.
<https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/elementary-new-testament-greek-2022>
- Gupta, Nijay K. and Jonah M. Sandford. *Intermediate Biblical Greek Reader: Galatians and Related Texts*. Newberg, OR: George Fox University Library, 2018.
<https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/intermediate-biblical-greek-reader-galatians-and-related-texts>

Textbooks in the DTL

These are just a few of the language textbooks available in the DTL. Biblical Greek and Hebrew in particular are very well represented.

Coptic

- Allan, James P. *Coptic: A Grammar of Its Six Major Dialects*. University Park, PA: Penn State University Press, 2021.
<https://thedtl.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1253313787>

English

- Burton, Peter. *English Grammar Guide for Language Students: Especially Students of Biblical Hebrew, New Testament Greek, Latin, and Related Modern Languages*. Piscataway: Gorgias Press, 2013.
<https://thedtl.on.worldcat.org/oclc/923106540>

Ethiopic/Ge'ez

- Tropper, Josef and Rebecca Hasselbach-Andee. *Classical Ethiopic: A Grammar of Ge'ez*. University Park, PA: Eisenbrauns, 2021.
<https://thedtl.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1253313170>

French

- Sandberg, Karl C. and Eddison C. Tatham. *French for Reading*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1997. <https://thedtl.on.worldcat.org/oclc/48714842>

German

- Sandberg, Karl C. and John R. Wendel. *German for Reading: A Programmed Approach*. 2nd ed. Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Company, Inc., 2015.
<https://thedtl.on.worldcat.org/oclc/904801003>
- Wilson, April. *German Quickly: A Grammar for Reading German*. New York: Peter Lang, 2015. <https://thedtl.on.worldcat.org/oclc/950398913>

Greek

- Boler, Michael. *Introduction to Classical and New Testament Greek: A Unified Approach*. Washington, DC: Catholic Education Press, 2020.
<https://thedtl.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1138875720>
- Köstenberger, Andreas J., Benjamin L. Merkle, and Robert L. Plummer. *Going Deeper with New Testament Greek: An Intermediate Study of the Grammar and Syntax of the New Testament*. Nashville: B&H Academic, 2020.
<https://thedtl.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1160196244>

- Merkle, Benjamin L. and Robert L. Plummer. *Beginning with New Testament Greek: An Introductory Study of the Grammar and Syntax of the New Testament*. Nashville: B&H Academic, 2020. <https://thedtl.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1181834380>

Hebrew

- Kelley, Page H. *Biblical Hebrew: An Introductory Grammar*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2018. <https://thedtl.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1019837665>
- Pratico, Gary D. and Miles van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Grammar*. 3rd ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2019. <https://thedtl.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1041473179>
- Reymond, Eric D. *Intermediate Biblical Hebrew Grammar: A Student's Guide to Phonology and Morphology*. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2017. <https://thedtl.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1000150657>

Latin

- Sharpley, G. D. A. *The Complete Latin Course*. London: Routledge, Taylor and Francis, 2014. <https://thedtl.on.worldcat.org/oclc/880827234>
- Trykar-Lu, Tamara. *From Puella to Plautus: An Introduction to Latin Language and Thought*. Vol. 1. Washington, DC: Catholic University of American Press, 2019. <https://thedtl.on.worldcat.org/oclc/1313901998>

Spanish

- Bradley, Peter T. and Ian Mackenzie. *Spanish: An Essential Grammar*. London, New York: Routledge, 2004. <https://thedtl.on.worldcat.org/oclc/56565448>

Online Courses

[Continuing Studies at the University of Wisconsin - Madison](#)

UW - Madison offers fully asynchronous courses for academic reading and translation. These are some of the cheaper courses available, but do not include face-to-face class time, which some students find helpful for language learning. Except for the Comprehensive Spanish course (see below), these courses will not fulfill CST's language requirements on their own, but some students may still find them worth the cost as exam preparation.

- [French](#)
- [German](#)
- [Italian](#)
- [Basic Spanish](#)
- [Comprehensive Spanish](#) (This course may satisfy the exam requirement. Discuss with your advisor.)

[Duke University Summer Session](#)

Duke offers courses in French and German for reading purposes to graduate students and researchers. These courses are slightly more expensive than UW's, but are still under \$1000 and include synchronous sessions. These courses may satisfy the exam requirement. Discuss with your advisor.

[Harvard University Division of Continuing Education](#)

Harvard's Adult, Extension, and Visiting College occasionally offers an online course in academic German for reading. Harvard's continuing education courses are very expensive, currently at \$900 per credit (German is an 8-credit course). Harvard's courses may satisfy the exam requirement. Discuss with your advisor.

[Biblingo](#)

Biblingo offers a *Rosetta Stone*-style app for self-directed learning of biblical Greek and Hebrew through a living-language approach, as well as 8-week live courses in the biblical languages. Subscription to the app is through a monthly fee; live courses are relatively inexpensive (a few hundred dollars). These courses will not satisfy CST's language requirements on their own, but students may still find them worth the cost as exam preparation.

[The Open University](#)

The Open University offers free, self-directed courses in various languages, including ancient Greek and Latin. Courses in modern languages may be more directed toward conversational skills than academic reading. These courses will not satisfy CST's language requirements on their own, but students who desire a course structure as they study may find them helpful.