

Right there, the way our course is laid out you have to if you're going to take the work in three years and if you've not had some Greek already, you have to take Hebrew and Greek at the same time. And if you start and try to learn Greek and Hebrew as we want our students to really learn them, it is a big job. We like students to have Greek before they come if possible. It is a tremendous help toward your course. That's why we call beginning Greek propedeutic. We require that much extra in hours if you've had no Greek as yet.

But if you've haven't and you have to take them both in order to graduate in three years, you face a practical problem. Shall I take the course in 3 years? or in four? If you are good in language, a good student even if you haven't had any Hebrew or Greek before you can probably learn both languages right away. But not everyone is a good student, and some have to spend so much time in secular work that they don't have as much time to study as they would like to.

Our course is so arranged that probably about half will finish in three years, and about half will probably take four years. If you can decide which at this present moment it will give you a tremendous advantage. I've known a number of cases where someone has started in to take both Hebrew and Greek and then after a month has found he was failing in both of them. en after a month or two has had to drop the one he was doing the poorest in and then has found it was too late for him to get the other well enough to pass.

So I admonish you very strongly to try to decide at the start whether to take the two languages at once or to get the Greek thoroughly now and get the Hebrew thoroughly next year. But if you are not sure I would strongly recommend this: If you want to sign up for both, but there's a possibility you might not be able to finish both, resolve to get your Greek thoroughly, really get your Greek, and then do what you can in Hebrew. Get your Greek thoroughly this year. Then if you find as the semester goes on that you're not able to do both of them you will have one of them in pretty good shape and that one should be Greek. In most cases its good to get the Greek thoroughly first.

Then you can drop Hebrew and if you have Greek thoroughly you would be taking our course in 4 years as the bulk of our students do but you would not be handicaped as you would be if you tried to do both and then did not get a good start on either. So I would strongly urge you to resolve to get the Greek thoroughly this semester and if you can't get the Greek and the Hebrew, have the Greek thoroughly and if you find you are getting too far behind in Hebrew then simply drop it and take it up again next year.

We are anxious to get the languages well and to learn to interpret the Scriptures for yourself because we're not interested in training parrots we're interested in training people to think, who can use their minds, who can get to the Scripture and find what it means.