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It's All Greek to Me: Life as a Preseminary Student

Jack Vogel (*MLS / Holy Trinity-Wyoming MI*) plays football in the fall (pictured) and baseball in the spring. He enjoys cards and video games, sings in Männerchor, and is always down for a game of pickup basketball.

Jack is also a first-year preseminary student here at MLC. Curious as to what your life could look like next year? Here's what Jack does on a normal weekday:

- 6:45 am** – Jack wakes up, looks over Greek notes, and eats breakfast.
- 7:30** – Greek class! Later, there may be lit, history, Bible, or Latin.
- 10:30** – Students and profs gather for morning chapel.
- 11:30** – Jack heads over to the Music Center to sing in Männerchor (men's choir) or practice organ before lunch.
- 3:00 pm** – Time to hit the fitness center or weight room for a workout.
- 6:30** – After a bit of homework or relaxation, Jack grabs dinner in the caf.
- 7:15** – On Monday-Friday evenings, chapel sets a great tone for the night.
- 7:45** – Jack finishes up homework in the library, then hangs out with friends.
- 9:30** – A great day ends with a game of pickup basketball in the gym.
- 11:00** – Jack looks over a few notes for the next day and gets some sleep.



“College classes are harder than high school,” Jack says, “but you learn to embrace the challenge. Everyone has the same faith and purpose: to become a called worker.” As for Greek, “It’s fun but difficult. You start out with classical works, but in only a couple months, you’ve learned enough to read parts of the Bible in Greek!”

Another preseminary first-year, **Logan Schultz** (*MLS / Good Shepherd-Alma MI*), has lit, statistics, German, Chinese, and—of course—Greek in his schedule. He says, “Greek isn’t the three-headed beast that a lot of students have in their minds at the start of the year. After you set a good foundation, the class does get easier. My encouragement is to not let hard work discourage you from a truly blessed calling.”

Lots of Language Choices

All preseminary students take Greek and Hebrew, the biblical languages. They also choose one nonbiblical language. Here’s what students say about those:

Latin: “Latin may be a dead language, but it’s still alive in many regards (scientific names, Harry Potter, and your church hymnal)!”
- **Andrew Ronholt** (*Evergreen LHS / Bethany-Port Orchard WA*)

German: “Dive in head first! The culture is awesome, so if you buy into what you’re learning, it’s much more rewarding.”
- **Noah Schaeve** (*Huron Valley LHS / Faith-Sussex WI*)

Chinese: “Repeat everything aloud to practice thinking in Chinese and improve your pronunciation.”
- **Logan Schultz**

Spanish: “This immersive program allows us to learn more than just grammar. We look forward to using it in our ministries.”
- **Jonas Landwehr** (*DSA / Divine Savior-Doral FL*)



Professor Thomas Nass teaches Hebrew.