



# Introductory Greek Grammar

NTGK5351

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Biblical Studies Division

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## MISSION STATEMENT

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to teach the basic elements of Greek grammar to establish a foundational understanding of the language for exegesis of the Greek New Testament. This course is a prerequisite for NTGK5352 Greek 2 where students will complete their study of Greek grammar. Students with 6 hours of college Greek may be eligible to forego taking this course. Such students should consult with New Testament professors to determine the level at which they should enter the study of Greek in the seminary.

## STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the semester the student will:

- Be familiar with the grammatical concepts related to the Greek noun and finite verb systems
- Understand the importance of accurate translation for biblical interpretation and teaching/preaching
- Demonstrate proficiency in Greek translation by completing out of class translation exercises and participating in in-class activities
- Recognize the importance of proper biblical interpretation in carrying out the Great Commission

## REQUIRED TEXTS

*The Greek New Testament*. 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Edition with Dictionary. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 2014.

Mounce, William D. *Basics of Biblical Greek Grammar*. 4th ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2019.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Basics of Biblical Greek Workbook*. 4th ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2019.

## Recommended Resources

Biblical Greek Laminated Sheet, Zondervan Get an A! Study Guides

3x5 Index Cards

Paper and Pens or Pencils

### **Attendance Policy**

Students cannot receive credit for an academic intensive course if they miss a single academic intensive class. Students are expected to attend and participate in the class sessions. Because of the nature of the intensive, students who miss any portion of the class may receive a grade of “F” for the course.

### **NOLA2U Policy**

1. The course on the New Orleans campus will be connected synchronously via Web conferencing with Internet students. Attendance is required at the stated class meeting times.
2. Technical issues will not be considered a valid reason for missing a class session.

### **Course Policies**

1. Late assignments will be penalized one letter grade per day.
2. All work will be submitted by the time of the final exam. No work will be accepted after that time.
3. Obvious text messaging, Internet activity unrelated to the course, or other electronic distractions during class meetings is unacceptable.

### **Course Requirements**

1. Daily quizzes will be completed every day before class except for the first day. Quizzes will come from the vocabulary and grammar for the assigned chapters with an emphasis on vocabulary. Students may earn partial credit for words missed on a vocabulary quiz by writing the word ten times by hand in Greek and English and turning in the words by the next class meeting.
2. Students will be graded on their participation in class and their ability to interact with the material studied.
3. A grade will also be given a grade for daily translation work, as well as other written work sheets that will be assigned on Canvas.
4. Two tests will be given. Both tests will cover grammar, translation, and parsing. Each test will be available on Canvas each Friday at 1:00 PM, and the completed tests should be posted to Canvas no later than the following Monday at 1:00 PM.

### **Evaluation of Grade**

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| 1. Quizzes                  | 20% |
| 2. Class Participation      | 20% |
| 3. Daily Assignments        | 20% |
| 4. Sectional Test           | 20% |
| 5. Comprehensive Final Exam | 20% |

### **Pre-Work Course Schedule**

#### **Due on the First Day of Class**

Read chapters 1-5 in Mounce's grammar book and work through the workbook exercises for the corresponding chapters in Mounce's workbook.

Chapter 1: The Greek Language

Chapter 2: Learning Greek

Chapter 3: The Alphabet and Pronunciation

Chapter 4: Punctuation and Syllabification

Chapter 5: Introduction to English Nouns

### **Technical Assistance**

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. [Selfserve@nobts.edu](mailto:Selfserve@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the [Selfserve.nobts.edu](http://Selfserve.nobts.edu) site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. [BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu](mailto:BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System [NOBTS.Blackboard.com](http://NOBTS.Blackboard.com).
3. [ITCSupport@nobts.edu](mailto:ITCSupport@nobts.edu) - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. [www.NOBTS.edu/itc/](http://www.NOBTS.edu/itc/) - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

### **Help for Writing Papers at “The Write Stuff”**

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help in becoming a better writer.

### **Plagiarism on Written Assignments**

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

## Course Schedule

May 22	Unit 1	In Class:	Course Introduction Review Chapters 1-5 Introduce Chapter 6 Introduce Chapter 7
		Before Next Class:	Worksheets on Canvas Workbook Quiz on Canvas
May 23	Unit 2	In Class:	Review Introduce Chapter 8 Introduce Chapter 9
		Before Next Class:	Worksheets on Canvas Workbook Quiz on Canvas
May 24	Unit 3	In Class:	Review Introduce Chapter 10 Introduce Chapter 11
		Before Next Class:	Worksheets on Canvas Workbook Quiz on Canvas
May 25	Unit 4	In Class:	Review Introduce Chapter 12 Introduce Chapter 13
		Before Next Class:	Worksheets on Canvas Workbook Quiz on Canvas
May 26	Unit 5	In Class:	Review Introduce Chapter 14 Workbook Chapter 14 Introduce Chapter 15 Introduce Chapter 16
		Before Next Class:	Test on Canvas (Chapters 1-14) Worksheets on Canvas Workbook Quiz on Canvas

May 29	Unit 6	In Class:	Review Introduce Chapter 17 Introduce Chapter 18
		Before Next Class:	Worksheets on Canvas Workbook Quiz on Canvas
May 30	Unit 7	In Class:	Review Introduce Chapter 19 Introduce Chapter 20
		Before Next Class:	Worksheets on Canvas Workbook Quiz on Canvas
May 31	Unit 8	In Class:	Introduce Chapter 21 Introduce Chapter 22
		Before Next Class:	Worksheets on Canvas Workbook Quiz on Canvas
June 1	Unit 9	In Class:	Introduce Chapter 23 Introduce Chapter 24
		Before Next Class:	Worksheets on Canvas Workbook Quiz on Canvas
June 2	Unit 10	In Class:	Chapter 25 General Review Introduce Pluperfect
		After Class:	Complete Final on Canvas

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