Greek 1 Summer 2020

NT5100 June 22–July 17

9:00am-11:00am

**INSTRUCTOR**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course constitutes an introduction to the language of Biblical Greek, including basic phonology, morphology, syntax, and vocabulary. Greek 1 counts for three credit hours. No prerequisites.

**REQUIRED TEXTS**

Mounce, William D. *Basics of Biblical Greek: Grammar*. Fourth edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2019.

Mounce, William D. *Basics of Biblical Greek: Workbook*. Fourth edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2019.

**RECOMMENDED TEXTS**

Mounce, William D. *New Testament Greek Vocabulary Cards*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2004. {check out iflash version}

Mounce, William D. *Zondervan Get an A! Study Guides: Biblical Greek*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS & EVALUATION**

1. **Quizzes**. There will be a quiz each day of the week (except during scheduled exams). These quizzes will focus on the information learned during the previous day. However, due to the very nature of learning a language, quizzes are cumulative. There are no make-up quizzes but the lowest quiz will be dropped. Total quiz scores constitute 85% of the term grade.

2. **Test**. There will be one major examination for the first Greek term (see schedule below). The exam is cumulative, constituting 15% of the term grade.

3. **Homework**. Homework will be assigned every day of the course. This homework is assigned for the benefit of the student and must be completed before the class period for which it is assigned. Time in class each day will be devoted to working through the homework and answering questions. Homework is not collected or graded.

3. **Class Attendance**. Attendance is required. Regular absence or chronic lateness to class will result in the reduction of the course grade.

**COURSE PROTOCOLS**

1. **Grading Schedule**. The letter grading scale for this particular language course is summarized below. Students must earn at least 80% in each course to pass.

95-100% A 83-85% B

90-94% A- 80-82% B-

86-89% B+ 0-79% F

2. **Attendance**. Language acquisition can be a difficult task and requires constant vigilance in the beginning stages. Because of this, attendance at each class session is essential to the success of the learning process. Additionally, *there are absolutely no make-up quizzes*. Neither will a quiz be administered early. Students may drop their two lowest quiz scores during the summer term (all seven weeks!). A missed quiz would be considered one of the two permitted drops for the courses.

3. **Method of Instruction**. The emphasis in this class is student performance. Students must come to class each day prepared and ready to participate in the instructional process. This means that all of the assigned reading from the grammar and all of the assigned homework from the workbook must be completed by the beginning of the class period for which it is assigned. Failure to comply will inhibit acceptable performance and impede the benefit of the classroom experience for other students.

3. **Electronics**. Computers, phones, and tablets are not permitted in class. Voice recorders are not permitted in class. Please silence all cell phones during class. Unplug for Greek! Remote students will require access to a computer (or iPad) with with video capability (web camera).

4. **Special Needs**. In order to ensure full class participation, any student with a disabling condition requiring special accommodations (e.g. tape recorders, special adaptive equipment, special note-taking or test-taking needs) is strongly encouraged to contact the professor at the beginning of the course.

5. **Disclaimer**. This syllabus is intended to reflect accurately the learning objectives, instructional format, and other information necessary for students to appraise the course. However, during the course of the term, the instructor reserves the right to modify any portion of this syllabus as may appear necessary because of events and circumstances that obtain during the term.

**PROJECTED COURSE SCHEDULE**

The following chapter references are to  *Basics of Biblical Greek Grammar* (BBG).

**June** 22 Syllabus; BBG 3

23 Quiz 3; BBG 4

24 Quiz 4; BBG 5-6

25 Quiz 5-6; BBG 7

26 Quiz 7; BBG 8

29 Quiz 8; BBG 9 Watch [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OY72XwMsJRE&frags=pl%2Cwn) on PN/PA

30 Quiz 9; BBG 10

**July** 1 Quiz 10; BBG 11

2 Quiz 11; BBG 12

3 No Class – School Holiday

6 Quiz 12; BBG 13

7 Quiz 13; BBG 14

8 **Test 1 (BBG 3-14)**

9 BBG 15-16

10 Quiz 15-16; BBG 17

13 Quiz 17; BBG 18

14 Quiz 18; BBG 19

15 Quiz 19; BBG 20

16 Quiz 20; BBG 21

17 Quiz 21; BBG 22 Memory Verse #1

**Course Objectives Related to MDiv Student Learning Outcomes**

Course: Greek I

Professor: Benjamin Gladd

Campus: RTS Jackson

Date: June-July 2020

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| **MDiv\* Student Learning Outcomes**  *In order to measure the success of the MDiv curriculum, RTS has defined the following as the intended outcomes of the student learning process. Each course contributes to these overall outcomes.* | | **Rubric**   Strong   Moderate   Minimal   None | **Mini-Justification** |
| **Articulation**  **(oral & written)** | Broadly understands and articulates knowledge, both oral and written, of essential biblical, theological, historical, and cultural/global information, including details, concepts, and frameworks. | Minimal | 1. Learn English grammar while learning Greek grammar |
| **Scripture** | Significant knowledge of the original meaning of Scripture. Also, the concepts for and skill to research further into the original meaning of Scripture and to apply Scripture to a variety of modern circumstances. (Includes appropriate use of original languages and hermeneutics; and integrates theological, historical, and cultural/global perspectives.) | Strong | 1. Working with Greek NT Grammar  2. Intro to exegetical skills |
| **Reformed Theology** | Significant knowledge of Reformed theology and practice, with emphasis on the Westminster Standards. | Minimal | 1. Discuss the Reformed tradition’s view of use of original languages |
| **Sanctification** | Demonstrates a love for the Triune God that aids the student’s sanctification. | Moderate | 1. Scripture memorization in class  2. Why else would someone study Koine Greek! |
| **Desire for Worldview** | Burning desire to conform all of life to the Word of God. | Minimal | 1. Better skill with Scripture enhances ability to conform life to God’s Word. |
| **Winsomely Reformed** | Embraces a winsomely Reformed ethos. (Includes an appropriate ecumenical spirit with other Christians, especially Evangelicals; a concern to present the Gospel in a God-honoring manner to non-Christians; and a truth-in-love attitude in disagreements.) | Minimal | 1. Greek I introduces students to the RTS academic program |
| **Preach** | Ability to preach and teach the meaning of Scripture to both heart and mind with clarity and enthusiasm. | Minimal | 1. Occasionally show exegetical and preaching angles while working on grammar  2. Greek grammar ultimately should affect sermon preparation |
| **Worship** | Knowledgeable of historic and modern Christian-worship forms; and ability to construct and skill to lead a worship service. | None | \*Though all of life is worship. So, studying Greek is an act of worship! |
| **Shepherd** | Ability to shepherd the local congregation: aiding in spiritual maturity; promoting use of gifts and callings; and encouraging a concern for non-Christians, both in America and worldwide. | minimal | 1. An increase in ability to read and interpret Scripture should promote shepherding. |
| **Church/ World** | Ability to interact within a denominational context, within the broader worldwide church, and with significant public issues. | minimal | 1. An increase in ability to read and interpret Scripture should promote better interaction with the world.. |