

GREEK 501: Basic Greek I (DRAFT: SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
GCTS, Summer Session II, 2019

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Course Hours: June 17 – July 12, MWF - 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

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Purpose of the Course

This course will introduce the student to the essential grammar, morphology, and vocabulary of New Testament Greek (Why? Because our Lord inspired the New Testament to be written in Koine Greek). The purpose of this introduction is to begin the process of the most important tool for interpreting the New Testament, namely the translation of the Greek New Testament. At the conclusion of this course and Basic Greek II, the student will understand enough of the fundamentals of Greek to translate and analyze basic passages from the New Testament. The completion of this course does not mean “you know Greek,” rather it means you are now ready to begin the lifelong process of studying the Greek of the New Testament. This course supports Articles 1-4 of the GCTS Mission.

Structure of the Course

This class will meet three hours a day, three mornings per week (MWF) throughout the Summer 2 term, with a Final Exam. Each class you are to come having read the chapters to be discussed that day, as well as completed the instructed exercises for that day. Every student will be expected to demonstrate the daily advance of their knowledge of New Testament Greek through various activities and quizzes.

Please note: All assessments are cumulative. They stress certain areas, but they are cumulative.

Grading

The student’s grade will be determined by three elements as follows:

- 1) Test 1 – 20%
- 2) Test 2 – 30%
- 3) Final Exam – 50%

NOTE: The tests increase in points awarded. This gives advantage to improvement over the term. Therefore, do not expect the final grade “to be rounded up.” Repeat: Your grade will not be rounded up. A 79.999999999 is not an 80.0.

In addition, to pass the class (regardless of the strength of one's grades) –ALL HOMEWORK MUST BE COMPLETED. HOMEWORK IS TURNED IN ON THE DAY FOR WHICH IT IS ASSIGNED. HOMEWORK WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH CLASS. Being absent from class does not automatically excuse you from handing in assignments.

- A student is allowed one (1) and only one “late assignment” during the term with no penalty. The assignment will need to be turned in before the end of term.
 - A student who fails to submit every homework assignment before the end of term will automatically fail the course.
- A second late assignment will result in the reduction of a student's final grade by one grade (A becomes B, B+ becomes C+, etc.)
- A third late assignment will result in the reduction of a student's final grade by an additional grade. (So, if a student earned a “B” in the course – but had three late assignments – their final grade would be a “D”.)
- A fourth late assignment will result in the automatic failure of the course regardless of points earned.
- If there is any homework left undone at the start of the Final Exam – the student will automatically fail the course.

The scale is as follows:

A+	99% and up		
A	96-98	C	82-84
A-	94-95	C-	80-81
B+	92-93		D+ 79
B	89-91	D	76-78
B-	87-88		D- 75
C+	85-86	F	74 and below

Academic Integrity

In a class such as this, students often work together in groups or pairs – this is fine and is indeed encouraged. But, students are expected to do their own work. A good practice is to do the assignments before meeting with your study partners for discussion. After all – when the time comes for the quiz, test, and the continually expected fielding of questions in class – it is you, and you alone, that can give your answer.

FINAL NOTE: It is assumed you are taking Greek 1 and Greek 2 in the Summer because you want to, not because you are obliged to. As such, you know that you face a daunting task – to

cover an entire year's worth of study in only a handful of weeks. Given the nature of such an intensive course, it is assumed that you have made the necessary arrangements to be able to commit fully, everyday to the study of New Testament Greek. You can easily expect to spend at least 36 hours a week doing Greek. It is my prayer that the Lord will send to you those who can ease your burdens as you embark on this "Summer of Greek." That being said, the beauty of "Summer of Greek" is that you can commit to learning a language as your sole project. Your "Summer of Greek" can indeed become one of the most rewarding seasons of study.

Textbooks

- 1) William D. Mounce, Basics of Biblical Greek, Zondervan, 2009 (3rd ed.). Please note – there is a 4th edition. GCTS will begin using the 4th edition in the Fall, 2019. The course instruction will assume the 3rd edition.
- 2) _____, Basics of Biblical Greek, Workbook, Zondervan, 2009 (3rd ed.) See note above regarding 4th edition. The workbook will be the 3rd edition workbook.
- 3) Greek New Testament (UBS4 or 5 or NA27 or NA28) ~ No Interlinears, Readers NTs, SBL versions, or other Greek New Testaments, etc.
- 4) Various readings, forms, sheets, etc. on SAKAI

Proposed Daily Schedule

- 1) June 17 Introduction to Class and Mounce, Chapters 1-5
- 2) June 19 Mounce, Chapters 6-7; WB 3 - 4 (odds only), and Review #1
- 3) June 21 Mounce, Chapters 8-9; WB 6 (odds only) and 7 (odds only)
- 4) June 24 Mounce, Chapters 10; WB 8 (odds only) and 9 (odds only)
- 5) June 26 **EXAM ONE: LESSONS 1-9; Mounce, Chapters 11-12; WB 10 (odds only)**
- 6) June 28 Mounce, Chapt 13-14; WB 11 (odds only) and 12 (odds only)
- 7) July 1 Mounce, Chapt 15-16; WB 13 (odds only) and 14 (odds only);
- 8) July 3 **EXAM TWO: LESSONS 1-16, Mounce, Chpt 17-18; WB 16 (odds only)**

***** No class on July 5, unless make-up class is necessary*****
- 9) July 8 Mounce, Chapt 19-20; WB 17 (odds only) and 18 (odds only);
- 10) July 10 Mounce, Chapt 21; WB 19 (odds only) and 20 (odds only);

11) July 12

FINAL EXAM (1-21)