

# 2NT502 Greek I – Syllabus

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**Class: Mon-Fri. 9:00am-12:00pm, July 28 – August 15**

## **I. Course Objectives**

Welcome to summer Greek. For many of you, this is the first class of your seminary training. My hope is that this class will stimulate your hearts, minds, and wills toward greater love for our Triune God and service in his kingdom.

Your goal in this course is to gain an introductory understanding of the basic vocabulary and grammar of New Testament Greek. To accomplish this goal, we will work through the first 23 chapters of Mounce's textbook and workbook (see below).

## **II. Class Preparation and Procedures**

You are expected to learn the material, including the vocabulary, in each chapter in preparation for the class for which it is assigned. Work through Mounce's textbook, and then the workbook assignments. If at all possible, please come to the first day of class having read through chapters 1-4 in Mounce's textbook. This is introductory material which we will go over together the first day, but it would be helpful for you to be familiar with it.

Typically, the first two hours of class will be lecture. For those two hours I will go over the material in the chapter, explain the concepts, and answer questions you might have. For the last hour of class we will break into smaller groups and work through some exercises that pertain to the material for the day. Our Greek Teaching Assistants (TAs) and I will lead those groups.

We will have daily quizzes that cover that day's vocabulary and grammar. The intent of these quizzes is to make sure you are staying current with the material (and hopefully boost your grade!). We will not have a quiz on the first day of class or on test days.

Tests will be cumulative. Although they will focus mostly on the material covered since the last test, they will include material from previous chapters.

## **III. Textbooks**

Mounce, William D. *Basics of Biblical Greek*, second edition (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003) ISBN 0310250870

\_\_\_\_\_, *Basics of Biblical Greek Workbook* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003). ISBN 0310250862

Aland, Kurt. *The Greek New Testament: With English Introduction including Greek/English Dictionary*, fourth edition (American Bible Society, 1998) ISBN 3438051133

#### IV. Grading

Daily Quizzes: 20%

Exam 1: 20%

Exam 2: 30%

Exam 3: 30%

#### V. Class Schedule:

Day	Textbook Chapters	Workbook
Monday, July 28	1-4	pgs. 1-5
Tuesday, July 29	5-6	pgs. 11-14
Wednesday, July 30	7	pgs. 15-18
Thursday, July 31	8-9	pgs. 19-26
Friday, August 1	Exam 1	
Monday, August 4	10-11	pgs. 31-39
Tuesday, August 5	12-13	pgs. 41-47
Wednesday, August 6	14-16	pgs. 49-60
Thursday, August 7	17-18	pgs. 61-68
Friday, August 8	Exam 2	
Monday, August 11	19-20	pgs. 69-80
Tuesday, August 12	21	pgs. 81-84
Wednesday, August 13	22	pgs. 85-88
Thursday, August 14	23	pgs. 89-92
Friday, August 15	Exam 3	

#### VI. Teaching Assistants

We want you to learn Greek! Please ask questions, and ask for help when you are feeling lost. I will often be around after class or during breaks (and feel free to email me, [jleim@rts.edu](mailto:jleim@rts.edu)). Also, we will have TAs who will be helping out with the class. They are excellent Greek students, and very capable of answering your questions. The TAs will also have group tutoring sessions each afternoon following class.

#### VII. Final Thoughts

Do some work in advance! If at all possible, work through some of the beginning material and vocabulary *before* Greek I begins. Because of the amount of work in the class, any jump on the material that you can get will be *very* helpful for you.

Your efforts in this class are not in vain! Though this will likely be a difficult class, as most of us do not grow up with extensive foreign language training, it is thoroughly worth your efforts. Learning biblical Greek will train you to be a more faithful steward of preaching, teaching, and communicating the glorious truths of the Scriptures.