



Introductory Greek Grammar: NTGK5300
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Mission Statement

The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

Core Value Focus

The seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. The core value focus for this academic year is Doctrinal Integrity.

Curriculum Competencies

All graduates of NOBTS are expected to have at least a minimum level of competency in each of the following areas: Biblical Exposition, Christian Theological Heritage, Disciple Making, Interpersonal Skills, Servant Leadership, Spiritual and Character Formation, and Worship Leadership. The curriculum competencies addressed in this course are Biblical Exposition.

Course Description

This course is designed to teach the elements of Greek grammar to establish a foundational understanding of the language for exegesis of the Greek New Testament. Students who have more than 6 hours of college Greek may not receive credit for 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. Students in the language track are expected to take Intermediate Greek Grammar as their next Greek course. Introductory Greek Grammar is prerequisite for New Testament Greek Exegesis.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the semester the student will:

- Be familiar with the grammatical concepts related to the Greek noun and 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

Textbooks

Greek New Testament (either UBS 5 or NA 28)

Mounce, William D. *Basics of Biblical Greek: Grammar*, 3d ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009.

_____. *Basics of Biblical Greek: Workbook*, 3d ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009.

Optional: Trenchard, Warren C. *The Complete Vocabulary Guide to the Greek New Testament*, revised ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1998.

Course Teaching Methodology

The course will involve the following methodologies:

- The material for each lesson will be introduced in a lecture format.
- Students will read material in the assigned textbooks
- Students will practice the skills and reinforce the content discussed in class through daily translation assignments and classroom exercises, which will include small and large group activities

Course Requirements

1. Daily quizzes will be given over the course of the semester and will come from the appropriate chapters in Mounce's grammar. Quizzes will come from the vocabulary and grammar for the assigned chapters. Students may earn partial credit for words missed on a vocabulary quiz by writing the word ten times 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 for daily translation work, as well as other written work sheets that will be assigned occasionally. Full credit can only be received for work that is turned in on time; however, partial credit will be given for any written assignment that is turned in late.
4. Two sectional tests will be given. The tests will cover the grammar and translation since the last test.
5. A comprehensive final exam will be given at the time assigned by the Seminary. The exam will cover both grammar and translation and parsing.

Evaluation of Grade

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| 1. Quizzes | 15% |
| 2. Class participation | 15% |
| 3. Daily Assignment | 15% |
| 4. Two sectional tests | 15% each |
| 5. Comprehensive final exam | 25% |

Technical Assistance

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

1. Selfserve@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the Selfserve.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System NOBTS.Blackboard.com.
3. ITCSupport@nobts.edu - Email for general technical questions/support requests.

4. 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

Week 1: January 22, 24

T: Introduction to the course
Read: chapters 1-4

Th: First and Second Declension Nouns
Read: chapters 5-6
Workbook: Parsing: #6, 1-10
Translation: #6, 1-4, 8, 10-11, 17
Quiz

Week 2: January 29, 31

T: First and Second Declension Nouns
Read: chapter 7
Workbook: Parsing 1-10
Translation: 1-3, 6, 8
Quiz

Th: Prepositions and Adjectives
Read: chapters 8-9
Workbook: Parsing: #9: 1-10
Translation: #8: 3, 5, 9; #9: 12, 17
Quiz

Week 3: February 5, 7

T: Third Declension Nouns
Read: chapter 10
Workbook: Parsing 1-10
Translation: 1-3, 9, 13
Quiz

Th: Pronouns: Personal
Read: chapters 11-12
Workbook: Parsing: #11-12: 1-10
Translation: #11: 4, 7; #12: 6, 9, 15

Greek Text: Jn. 1: 1-3
Quiz

Week 4: February 12, 14

T: Pronouns: Demonstrative and Relative
Read: chapters 13-14
Workbook: Parsing: #13-14: 1-10;
Review #3
Translation: #13: 5, 16; #14: 6-8
Greek Text: Jn. 1: 4-6
Quiz

Th: Sectional Test #1

Week 5: February 19, 21

T: Verbs: Present Active Indicative
Read: chapters 15-16
Workbook: Parsing: #16: 1-10
Translation: #16: 9-11, 13, 23
Greek Text: Jn. 1: 7-9
Quiz

Th: Verbs: Contract
Read: chapter 17
Workbook: Parsing: #17: 1-10
Translation: #17: 1-4
Greek Text: Jn. 1: 10-14
Quiz

Week 6: February 26, 28

T: Verbs: Present Middle/Passive Indicative
Read: Chapter 18
Workbook: Parsing: #18: 1-10

Translation: #18: 5-7, 9, 12
Greek Text: Jn. 1:15-18
Quiz

Th: Verbs: Future Active/Middle Indicative
Read: chapter 19
Workbook: Parsing: #19: 1-10
Translation: #19: 1-4
Greek Text: Jn. 3:1-3
Quiz

Week 7: March 5, 7

T: **Mardi Gras**

Th: Verbal Roots and other futures
Read: chapter 20
Workbook: Parsing: #20: 1-10,
Review #4
Translation: #20: 5-9
Greek Text: Jn. 3: 4-6
Quiz

Week 8: March 12, 14

T: Verbs: Imperfect Act/Mid/Pass Indic.
Read: chapter 21
Workbook: Parsing: #21: 1-10
Translation: #21: 1-4, 11
Greek Text: Jn. 3: 7-9
Quiz

Th: Verbs: Second Aorist Act/Mid Indic.
Read: chapter 22
Workbook: Parsing: #22: 1-10
Translation: #22: 6-10
Greek Text: Jn. 3: 10-13
Quiz

Spring Break: March 19, 21

Week 9: March 26, 28

T: Verbs: First Aorist Act/Mid Indicative
Read: chapter 23
Workbook: Parsing: #23: 1-10
Translation: 6-10
Greek Text: Jn. 3: 14-17
Quiz

Th: Verbs: Aorist & Future Pass Indicative
Read: chapter 24

Workbook: Parsing: #24: 1-10
Translation: #24: 5-9
Greek Text: Jn. 3: 18-21
Quiz

Week 10: April 2, 4

T: Verbs: Perfect Active/Mid/Pass Indic.
Read: chapter 25
Workbook: Parsing: #25: 1-10
Translation: #25: 1, 2, 6, 7, 9
Greek Text: Mt. 5: 1-3
Quiz

Th: **Sectional Test #2**

Week 11: April 9, 11

T: Verbs: Participles, Present Adverbial
Read: chapter 26-27
Workbook: Parsing: #27: 1-10,
Review #5
Translation: #27: 6-10
Greek Text: Mt. 5: 4-6
Quiz

Th: Verbs: Participles, Aorist Adverbial
Read: chapter 28
Workbook: Parsing: #28: 1-10
Translation: #28: 5-9
Greek Text: Mt. 5: 7-9
Quiz

Week 12: April 16, 18

T: Verbs: Adjectival Participles
Read: chapter 29
Workbook: Parsing: #29: 1-10
Translation: #29: 6-10
Greek Text: Mt. 5: 10-12
Quiz

Th: Verbs: Perfect Part. & Gen. Absolute
Read: chapter 30
Workbook: Parsing: #30: 1-10
Translation: #30: 5-9
Greek Text: 1 Jn. 1: 1-4
Quiz

Week 13: April 23, 25

T: Verbs: Subjunctive Mood
Read: chapter 31

Workbook: Parsing: #31: 1-10;
Review #6
Translation: #31: 7-9
Greek Text: 1 Jn. 1: 5-7
Quiz

Th: Verbs: Infinitives
Read: chapter 32
Workbook: Parsing: #32: 1-10
Translation: #32: 4, 5, 7, 10, 16
Greek Text: 1 Jn. 1: 8-10
Quiz

Week 14: April 30, May 2

T: Verbs: Imperatives
Read: chapter 33
Workbook: Parsing: #33: 1-10
Translation: #33: 1-6, 21
Greek Text: 1 Jn. 2: 1-37
Quiz

Th: Verbs: mi Verbs
Read: chapters 34
Workbook: Parsing: #34: 1-10
Translation: #34: 1-5
Greek Text: 1 Jn. 2: 4-6
Quiz

Week 15: May 7, 9

T: Read: chapter 35
Workbook: Parsing: #35: 1-10
Translation: #35: 6-10
Greek Text: 1 Jn. 2: 7-9
Quiz

Th: Review

Tuesday, May 14, 12:00-2:00 pm
Final Exam

Selected Bibliography

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