



**NT 504A: Greek A**  
**Spring 2025 • 2 Semester Hours**  
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*Course Description*

Greek A is a thirteen-week, two-credit-hour course that introduces students to the fundamentals of New Testament Greek vocabulary, grammar, and syntax. Greek A is the first of a three-part series of courses that continues with and is a prerequisite for Greek B (NT 504B) and Greek C (NT 504C). Together, these three courses lay the foundation for ongoing translational and exegetical work using the Greek New Testament. In preparation for each exam, students progress through a series of textbook readings and workbook exercises that lay the foundation of course content.

*Course Objectives*

Upon completion of Greek A, students will be equipped to continue their study of beginning Greek grammar in the Greek B course, having obtained an essential understanding of the elements of Greek grammar and syntax covered in the fourteen chapters of the course textbook, specifically:

- A foundational Greek vocabulary that includes the forms and meanings of 230 frequently used Greek words.
- The Greek alphabet and punctuation system and how consonants and vowels interact with each other.
- The Greek noun and adjective systems, including the case structure, the ways adjectives interact with nouns, and the definite article.
- Greek pronouns (personal, demonstrative, relative) and their use in the various cases, particularly as they add emphasis to Greek sentences.
- An overview of the Greek verb system, its tenses, aspects, and voices.
- An introduction to the forms and functions of the Greek present and future tenses.
- A basic skill in translating, with provided helps, narrative passages from the Greek New Testament.

*Required Textbooks*

Mounce, William D. *Basics of Biblical Greek: Grammar*. Fourth ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2019.  
\_\_\_\_\_. *Basics of Biblical Greek: Workbook*. Fourth ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2019.

*Recommended Resources*

Barclay M. Newman and Florian Voss, eds. *The UBS Greek New Testament, Reader's Edition with Textual Notes*. German Bible Society, 2014.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

*Examinations (40%)*

Three exams constitute forty percent of the final grade. The exams cover vocabulary, word parsing, grammatical content, translation, and exegesis. While the translation and exegesis portions of the exams are of necessity cumulative, each exam focuses on the material presented in the four basic units. All exams for this course are to be taken online in the Canvas Learning Management System (LMS).

### Review Quizzes (20%)

Review quizzes covering the chapters of the Mounce text and the Instructor's Notes will serve to prepare the student for the exams. Each quiz may be taken a second time, with the second grade being the one that counts. There are also three translation diagnostic exercises that do not count toward the final grade.

### Translation Assignments (40%)

Weekly assignments from the Workbook will strengthen your ability to translate New Testament sentences. Beyond these required assignments, students are encouraged to work through as many of the translation exercises in the Mounce Workbook each week as they are able.

## COURSE OUTLINE

Wk	Content	Assignment
1	Article: <i>The Value of Studying the Languages</i> Mounce, ch. 1: <i>The Greek Language</i> ; Mounce, ch. 2: <i>Learning Greek</i>	Install Unicode Greek Keyboard; Practice typing in Greek until you're comfortable with it.
2	Mounce, ch. 3: <i>The Alphabet and Pronunciation</i> ; Mounce ch. 4: <i>Punctuation and Syllabification</i>	See assignment template in Canvas.
3	Mounce, ch. 5: <i>Introduction to English Nouns</i>	Type (in Unicode) 1 John 1:5-10.
4	Mounce, ch. 6: <i>Nominative and Accusative</i> ; <i>Definite Article</i>	See assignment template in Canvas.
5	Mounce, ch. 7: <i>Genitive and Dative Cases</i>	See assignment template in Canvas.
6	Mounce, ch. 8: <i>Prepositions and Eίμί</i>	See assignment template in Canvas.
7	<b>Fall Semester Break / First Exam (taken online from home)</b>	
8	Mounce, ch. 9: <i>Adjectives</i>	See assignment template in Canvas.
9	Mounce, ch. 10: <i>Third Declension</i>	See assignment template in Canvas.
10	Mounce, ch. 11: <i>First- and Second-Person Personal Pronouns</i>	See assignment template in Canvas.
11	Mounce, ch. 12: <i>Αὐτός</i>	See assignment template in Canvas.
12	Mounce, ch. 13: <i>Demonstrative Pronouns &amp; Adjectives</i>	See assignment template in Canvas.
13	Mounce, ch. 14: <i>Relative Pronoun</i>	See assignment template in Canvas.
14	<b>Second Exam (taken online from home)</b>	