



NT 504A: Greek A
Online Course • 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 first twelve 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*. Third ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009.
_____. *Basics of Biblical Greek: Workbook*. Third ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009.

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%)

Midterm and final examinations 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 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%)

Repeatable review quizzes covering the chapters of the Mounce text and the Instructor's Notes will serve to prepare the student for the exams. 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. Assignments will be uploaded to the LMS. Beyond these required assignments, students are encouraged to work through as many of the translation exercises in the Mounce Workbook as they are able.

ONLINE COURSE STRUCTURE

Modules: This online course is to be completed using the Canvas Learning Management System (MLS) and is divided into thirteen modules that are designed to be completed in order over the course of 13-15 weeks. To see a detailed outline of the structure, click the "Modules" link on the left side of the Canvas home page.

Conferences: Your course instructor will want to meet with you during the semester via Skype or the conferencing capabilities of Canvas. Contact your instructor about setting up your first conference within the first couple of weeks of the course.

Mentor: As you proceed through this course you will need to obtain the services of a course mentor who will meet with you three times during the semester to interact with you regarding your studies and to proctor the course exams. (The quizzes may be taken without supervision.) Ideally, your course mentor will be a pastor, youth pastor, or other spiritual authority in your church who can guide and counsel you as you pursue biblical and theological training. In the course materials there is a mentor agreement form that your mentor will need to sign and return to New Geneva Seminary before you begin the course.