

BL-092 “New Testament Greek” 2014-2015, Semester 1

I. *Course Description*

A study of the fundamentals of New Testament Greek. Morphology, syntax, and vocabulary for reading simple New Testament passages. (*2014-15 Academic Calendar*, p.43)

II. *The place of this course in the curriculum*

No academic credit is offered for this course.

III. *Course objectives*

A. *Knowledge*: that you increase in your understanding of...

1. the alphabet, history, structure, grammar, and syntax of biblical (koine) Greek;
2. passages of the New Testament, the Septuagint, and early Christian writings that are used as examples and illustrations throughout the course.

B. *Skills*: that you increase in your ability to...

1. read, understand, and translate passages from the New Testament.

C. *Attitudes*: that you increase in your...

1. respect for the New Testament as the Word of God;
2. appreciation for the process by which God communicated his Word to the world;
3. readiness to utilize today’s communication media to the glory of God in Christ.

IV. *Course Outline*

During the fall semester we will cover chapters 1-14 of Mounce’s book. The winter/spring semester will cover chs. 15-36.

In order to complete each week’s work in a timely manner, and especially to expose yourself to *frequent small doses* of Greek, the following weekly schedule is proposed as *ideal*.

<i>Day</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Materials</i>	<i>Time (estimated)</i>
Thursday	Listen to the summary lecture	www.teknia.com	15-20 minutes
Friday	Read the chapter	<i>Basics of Biblical Greek: Grammar</i>	1 – 1.5 hours
Saturday	Listen to the full lecture	www.teknia.com	20-35 minutes
Sunday	Complete the exercises	<i>Basics of Biblical Greek: Workbook</i>	1 – 1.5 hours
Monday, 7:00 – 8:30 pm MDT	Attend the online class period	CLS Adobe Connect classroom	1.5 hours
Tuesday	Write a practice quiz	www.teknia.com	20-30 minutes
Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 pm MDT	“Office hours”	CLS Adobe Connect classroom	as needed (up to 1.5 hours)

If this schedule doesn’t work for you, overall or within a given week, feel free to alter it as you see fit, perhaps by grouping some of the sessions together on *four* days instead of seven, as follows:

<i>Day</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Materials</i>	<i>Time (estimated)</i>
Thursday <i>or</i> Friday	Listen to the summary lecture <i>and</i> read the	www.teknia.com ; <i>Basics of Biblical Greek: Grammar</i>	1.5 – 2 hours

	chapter		
Saturday <i>or</i> Sunday	Listen to the full lecture <i>and</i> complete the exercises	www.teknia.com ; <i>Basics of Biblical Greek: Workbook</i>	1.5 – 2.5 hours
Monday, 7:00 – 8:30 pm MDT	Attend the online class period	CLS Adobe Connect classroom	1.5 hours
Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 pm MDT	Write a practice quiz <i>and</i> “Office hours”	www.teknia.com (I think!); CLS Adobe Connect classroom	0.5 – 2 hours

V. Course schedule

Semester 1

Week 1		Weds 3 Sept
Topic		Introductory class session
Week 2	Mon 8 Sept	Weds 10 Sept
Topic	The Greek Language; Learning Greek	Office hours 7:00 – 8:00 pm MDT
Work	Mounce chs. 1-2	
Week 3	Mon 15 Sept	Weds 17 Sept
Topic	The alphabet & pronunciation	Office hours 7:00 – 8:30 pm MDT
Work	Mounce chs. 3	
Week 4	Mon 22 Sept	Weds 24 Sept
Topic	Punctuation & syllabification	Office hours 7:00 – 8:30 pm MDT
Work	Mounce ch. 4 <i>plus</i> “Review #1” (workbook)	
Week 5	Mon 29 Oct	Weds 1 Oct
Topic	Overview to chs. 5-9; Intro to English nouns	Office hours 7:00 – 8:30 pm MDT
Work	Overview 1 <i>plus</i> Mounce ch. 5 (note: no workbook exercises!)	
Week 6	Mon 6 Oct	Weds 8 Oct
Topic	Nominative & accusative; definite article	Office hours 7:00 – 8:30 pm MDT
Work	Mounce ch. 6	
Week 7	Tues 14 Oct	Weds 15 Oct
Topic	CLASS SHIFTED due to Thanksgiving Day: Genitive & dative	Office hours 7:00 – 8:30 pm MDT
Work	Mounce ch. 7	
Week 8	Mon 20 Oct	Weds 22 Oct
Topic	NO CLASS: prof away	NO OFFICE HOURS (prof away)
Work		
Week 9	Mon 27 Oct	Weds 29 Oct
Topic	Prepositions & <i>eimi</i>	Office hours 7:00 – 8:30 pm MDT
Work	Mounce ch. 8	
Week 10	Mon 3 Nov	Weds 5 Nov
Topic	Adjectives	Office hours 7:00 – 8:30 pm MST
Work	Mounce ch. 9 <i>plus</i> “Review #2” (workbook)	
Week 11	Mon 10 Nov	Weds 12 Nov
Topic	Third declension	Office hours 7:00 – 8:30 pm MST
Work	Overview 2 <i>plus</i> Mounce ch. 10	
Week 12	Mon 17 Nov	Weds 19 Nov
Topic	1 st & 2 nd person personal pronouns	Office hours 7:00 – 8:30 pm MST
Work	Mounce ch. 11	

Week 13	Mon 24 Nov	Weds 26 Nov
Topic	<i>autos</i>	Office hours 7:00 – 8:30 pm MST
Work	Mounce ch. 12	
Week 14	Mon 1 Dec	Weds 3 Dec
Topic	Demonstrative pronouns / adjectives	Office hours 7:00 – 8:30 pm MST
Work	Mounce ch. 13	
Week 15	Mon 8 Dec	Weds 10 Dec
Topic	Relative pronoun	Office hours 7:00 – 8:30 pm MST
Work	Mounce ch. 14 <i>plus</i> “Review 3” (workbook)	

Semester 2

Week 1	Mon 5 Jan	Weds 7 Jan
Topic	Overview of chs. 15-20 + Intro to Verbs	Office hours 7:30 – 8:30 pm MST
Work	Mounce pp.120-21 + ch. 15	
Week 2	Mon 12 Jan	Weds 14 Jan
Topic	Present Indicative Active	Office hours 7:30 – 8:30 pm MST
Work	Mounce ch 16	
Week 3	Mon 19 Jan	Weds 21 Jan
Topic	Contract Verbs	Office hours 7:30 – 8:30 pm MST
Work	Mounce ch. 17	
Week 4	Mon 21 Jan	Weds 28 Jan
Topic	Present Middle/Passive Indicative	Office hours 7:30 – 8:30 pm MST
Work	Mounce ch.18	
Week 5	Mon 2 Feb	Weds 4 Feb
Topic	Future Active / Middle Indicative	Office hours 7:30 – 8:30 pm MST
Work	Mounce ch. 19	
Week 6	Mon 9 Feb	Weds 11 Feb
Topic	Verbal Roots & Other Forms of the Future	
Work	Mounce ch. 20 <i>plus</i> “Review #4” (workbook)	
Week 7	Mon 16 Feb	Weds 18 Feb
Topic	NO CLASS: Family Day	NO OFFICE HOURS: Ash Wednesday
Work		
Week 8	Mon 23 Feb	Weds 27 Feb
Topic	Overview of chs. 1-25 and Imperfect Indicative	Office hours 7:30 – 8:30 pm MST
Work	Mounce pp.180-81 + ch. 21	
Week 9	Mon 2 March	Weds 6 March
Topic	Second Aorist Active / Middle Indicative	Office hours 7:30 – 8:30 pm MST
Work	Mounce ch. 22	
Week 10	Mon 9 March	Weds 13 March
Topic	First Aorist Active / Middle Indicative	Office hours 7:30 – 8:30 pm MST
Work	Mounce ch. 23	
Week 11	Mon 16 March	Weds 20 March
Topic	Aorist & Future Passive Indicative	Office hours 7:30 – 8:30 pm MDT
Work	Mounce ch. 24	
Week 12	Mon 23 March	Weds 27 March
Topic	Perfect Indicative	Office hours 7:30 – 8:30 pm MDT
Work	Mounce ch. 25 <i>plus</i> “Review #5” (workbook)	

Week 13	Mon 30 March	Weds 3 April
Topic	NO CLASS: Spring Break	NO OFFICE HOURS (Spring Break)
Work		
Week 14	Tues 7 April	Weds 10 April
Topic	CLASS SHIFTED due to Easter Monday: Introduction to Participles	Office hours 7:30 – 8:30 pm MDT
Work	Mounce 236-37 + Mounce ch. 26	
Week 15	Mon 13 April	Weds 17 April
Topic	Present adverbial participles	Office hours 7:30 – 8:30 pm MDT
Work	Mounce ch. 27	
Week 16	Mon 20 April	Weds 24 April
Topic	Aorist adverbial participles	Office hours 7:30 – 8:30 pm MDT
Work	Mounce ch. 28	
Week 17	Mon 27 April	Weds 1 May
Topic	Adjectival participles	Office hours 7:30 – 8:30 pm MDT
Work	Mounce ch. 29	
Week 18	Mon 4 May	Weds 8 May
Topic	Perfect participles + Genitive Absolutes	Office hours 7:30 – 8:30 pm MDT
Work	Mounce ch. 30 <i>plus</i> “Review #6” (workbook)	
Week 19	Mon 11 May	Weds 15 May
Topic	Overview chs. 31-36 + Subjunctive	Office hours 7:30 – 8:30 pm MDT
Work	Mounce pp.285-86 + ch. 31	
Week 20	Mon 18 May	Weds 22 May
Topic	Infinitive	Office hours 7:30 – 8:30 pm MDT
Work	Mounce ch. 32	
Week 21	Mon 25 May	Weds 27 May
Topic	Imperative	“FINAL EXAM” (see below)
Work	Mounce ch. 33	

VI. *Means of assessment*

A. *Grade scale*

This course is pass/fail, with this determination being made at the end of the course on the basis of the elements below.

B. *Components of the course grade*

1. Class participation: Students are expected to participate actively in the course, contributing both to the content-related discussion and to the formation of our class’s community. Full participation is expected in all class sessions.
2. Quizzes: Most chapters in Mounce’s book are accompanied by online quizzes available from his website, www.teknia.com. You should download each quiz, complete it, and email it to the instructor so he can correct it and review your progress within that unit of material.
3. Unit reviews: Periodically, Mounce’s workbook includes a review that he suggests should be regarded as a test. These too should be completed and emailed to the instructor for correction and review.

4. Final proficiency exam: After you complete *the second semester of work*, a proficiency exam will be arranged as a final test. Ahead of time, before the test, you will be assigned four texts from the New Testament. Each will be about a paragraph long, and will be drawn from the 3-year lectionary in *Lutheran Service Book*. Study each text in Greek before the test, so you will be able to translate it into English during the test, balancing faithfulness to the Greek and smoothness in English. You will also be asked about each passage in order to probe the level of understanding of the grammatical and syntactical nuance of the text. Because you will have practiced all of these skills during the course, all of this should be quite manageable—an opportunity for you to demonstrate the competence that you have *already* acquired by means of the course.

VII. Textbooks (required)

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

Textbooks (recommended)

Novum Testamentum Graece. 28th ed. Edited by Barbara and Kurt Aland, Johannes Karavidopoulos, Carlo M. Martini, and Bruce M. Metzger. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 2012.

- Please note: Although the 28th edition is required for students who expect to take further coursework at Concordia Lutheran Seminary, the 27th edition is quite acceptable for the purposes of this course itself.