

North Park Theological Seminary  
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**BIBL 5109/GRK 1019:**  
**Beginning NT Greek I**  
Fall 2009 Syllabus

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Class Hours/Location:	<b>MW 10:45am-12:00pm N-1</b> (there are no Fri sessions for seminarians and undergraduates)
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### Catalog Description

A survey of the essentials of biblical Greek. The focus is on basic grammar, vocabulary, and the development of readings skills. (3 semester units)

### Objectives and Relevance

This course, the first half of a year-long curriculum, is designed to give the student a basic and foundational knowledge of New Testament Greek grammar, primarily morphology, and secondarily syntax and semantics. This course combines the best of deductive and inductive approaches towards learning the Koiné Greek language of the New Testament period. By the end of the course, you will be on your way to reading the Greek of the New Testament fluently with the help of a lexicon and other resources.

### Required Textbooks

Aland, K. et al. *The Greek New Testament*. 4th rev. ed. United Bible Societies, 2002 [UBS4] [ISBN: 3438051109]

**Mounce**, William D. *Basics of Biblical Greek: Grammar*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003 [ISBN: 0310250870]

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F.W. **Gingrich** and F.W. Danker. *Shorter Lexicon of the Greek New Testament*. 2nd ed. Chicago: University Of Chicago Press, 1983 [ISBN: 0226136132]

**Lee**, Max. *Greek I Study Notes: A Guide through Basics of Biblical Greek by William Mounce* (copyright pending; will be available for sale in the NPU bookstore prior to the start of class)

### Recommended Reading

Lamerson, Samuel. *English Grammar to Ace New Testament Greek*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2004  
 [ISBN: 0310255341]  
 Mounce, William D. *Basics of Biblical Greek Vocabulary Cards*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2004  
 [ISBN: 0310259878]

### Assignments and Exams

Assignment Description	Due Date	Maximum Point Value	Grade Percentage
Weekly Homework (15 - 3 = 12 HW)	each week	120	12%
Weekly Quizzes (12 - 3 = 9 Q)	each week	270	27%
Midterm Exam	Monday Oct 5th	210	21%
Final Exam	TBA	400	40%
	<i>Total Possible Points/ Percentage</i>	1000	100%

#### *Weekly Homework*

Learning a language requires daily study and review. It is very important *not* to fall behind in your reading or your homework/assignments. You are expected to have assigned materials prepared prior to the beginning of the class.

Each chapter in the textbook by Mounce has a corresponding exercise in the workbook. Please complete all assignments in the workbook and hand them in, unless otherwise announced. **We will be following a modified version of Track #1** of Mounce's lesson plan so that only the regular verbs are introduced first and contract/liquid future/irregular verbs are brought in later in the course. What this will mean is that you can follow Mounce's track#1 for most of the Fall semester until the last few weeks. During the last few weeks of the fall (shaded in grey in your schedule) and at the beginning of the Spring semester (also shaded in grey), **you will have to follow the class schedule in the syllabus closely** as we will modify Mounce's Track #1.

When you submit your homework, you can either tear the homework assignment from the pages of your workbook; or Xerox/copy the page first, do the assignments on the Xerox/copy, and then turn in your work. *But please do not do your work in the workbook and then Xerox the page* (it will *not* be accepted in this form). The 3 lowest or missed homework assignments will be dropped (15 – 3 drops = 12 X 10pts = 120pts). **12% of your final grade**

#### *Weekly Quizzes*

We will have a quiz every week with very few exceptions. The quiz will cover vocabulary, paradigms, parsing, and translations. The 3 lowest or missed quizzes will be dropped (12 – 3 drops = 9 quizzes X 30pts each = 270pts total). **27% of your final grade**

**Two Exams** (= 1 Midterm + 1 Final Exam)

We will have one midterm and a final exam. Greek grammar by nature is accumulative, and so the midterm and final exam will cover all material from day 1 up until the time of the exam. However, there will be an emphasis on new material introduced since the previous exam. (210pts for the midterm plus 400pts for the final exam = 610pts total). **61% of your final grade**

**Attendance and Participation**

You are required to attend all class meetings. You are allowed 3 unexcused absences at most. Excessive absences from class will result in a lowering of your overall grade for the course.

**Make-up work**

Because of the accumulative nature of a Greek course and the expectation that all students will attend every class session, homework assignments turned in late will be *not* be accepted. **There are no make-up quizzes or exams** (and **there are no early quizzes or exams**) barring extreme circumstances (see the North Park University/Seminary Student Handbook for what constitutes "extreme circumstances;" e.g., severe illness, death in the family, etc.). In the case of severe illness, a physician's note must be given to make-up a missed quiz/exam. That means, if you simply have a cold, please take the missed quiz/assignment as one of your drop's. Any make-up exams must be taken within one week of the student's return to class.

There will be **no** make-up final exam, nor allowances made to take early airplane flights home. You must arrange your travel plans around the class and not vice versa.

**Grading System**

The following scale is used for your final grade:

930-1000	A	770-799	C+	600-629	D –
900-929	A–	730-769	C	0-599	F
870-899	B+	700-729	C –		
830-869	B	670-699	D +		
800-829	B –	630-669	D		

You need to earn a minimum grade of C– (700pts) in order to pass the course. This scale is absolute. On a rare occasion, the above scale *may* be curved at a later point, but only if the overall class grades are too low, but it is up to the instructor of the course to decide if the final grades should be curved up or not. *Just assume no curve will be applied* so you will not expect a boost in your scores and be disappointed when it is not given.

**Greek I and II can be taken on a PASS/NOT PASS basis.** There is no reason to take the class for a letter grade unless you are thinking of further graduate work and are confident that you can receive an A grade in the course. Especially those who are on scholarship and require a minimum GPA to maintain it, ***you are encouraged to take the Greek I and II sequence pass/not pass*** unless you have a good reason to take it for a letter grade. You must fill out the requisite pass/not pass form *each* semester (Fall and Spring) that you take the course. Forms can be picked up from seminary academic services on the 1st floor of Nyvall Hall. This policy is only for seminarians. *Undergraduates should take Greek for a letter grade, especially if Greek fulfills a language requirement.*

## **Ethical Standards**

Cheating of *any kind*, whether plagiarism in written assignments or the giving/receiving of information during quizzes/exams, will result in an F for the assignment, and most likely an immediate F in the course. There also may be additional penalties (e.g., suspension, expulsion) lodged against the student. If you have any questions on what constitutes plagiarism/copying or what constitutes acceptable exam-taking practice, please ask the instructor.

## **Disability Accommodations**

Students with disabilities who believe that they may need accommodations in this class are encouraged to contact your program's office (Education: 773-244-5730; Business: 773-244-6270; Nursing: 773-244-5680; Community Development: 773-244-5774; Seminary: 773-244-5619; Music: 773-244-5625). Please do so as soon as possible to better ensure that such accommodations are implemented in a timely manner. If needed, appointments can be relocated. For further information please review the following website: [www.northpark.edu/Home/index.cfm?northpark=ada.ada\\_main](http://www.northpark.edu/Home/index.cfm?northpark=ada.ada_main)

## Class Schedule

Wk	Date	Topic/Description	Assignments
1	Aug. 24	Introduction and Syllabus Ch. 3: The Greek Alphabet and the Alphabet Song Start Workbook 3	<i>By the next class period:</i> Read Mounce 1-4 Do Workbook 3-4
	Aug 26	Turn in: HW1: Workbook 3 <b>Quiz 1:</b> ch. 1-3 Ch. 4: Punctuation and Syllabification Start Workbook 4	Master the alphabet and its pronunciation so you can phonetically read the Greek text. Study for the first quiz on Ch. 1-4
2	Aug 31	Turn in: HW2: Workbook 4 and Review #1 Ch. 5-6: Introduction to Nouns; the Nominative and Accusative Case (1 <sup>o</sup> /2 <sup>o</sup> ); the Definite Article	Do Workbook Review #1 Read Mounce 5-6 in preparation for Wednesday's class
	Sep 2	Go over and turn in HW3: Workbook 6 <b>Quiz 2:</b> ch. 4-6	Do Workbook 6 Study for the quiz
3	Sep 7	<b>Labor Day</b> (no class)	Read Mounce 7
	Sep 9	Ch. 7: Genitive and Dative Case (1 <sup>o</sup> /2 <sup>o</sup> )	Do Workbook 7 Study for the quiz
4	Sep 14	HW4: Workbook 7 <b>Quiz 3</b> on Ch. 7 (administered by TA; instructor at convocation)	Read Mounce 8
	Sep 16	Ch. 8: Prepositions and εἰμί	Do Workbook 8 Study for the quiz
5	Sep 21	HW5: Workbook 8 <b>Quiz 4</b> on Ch. 8	Read Mounce 9
	Sep 23	<b>Lund Lecture</b> (no class)	Be prepared to start a new lesson on Monday with the quiz on the following Wed; Midterm coming up!
6	Sep 28	Ch. 9: Adjectives (1 <sup>o</sup> /2 <sup>o</sup> )	Do Workbook 9 Study for the quiz
	Sep 30	HW6: Workbook 9 <b>Quiz 5</b> on Ch. 9	Study for the Midterm Exam (use Review Sheet #2 to study, but it is not required)
7	Oct 5	<b>Midterm Exam</b> (Chap. 1-9)	Read Mounce 10
	Oct 7	Ch. 10: The Third Declension Noun (aka Declension Apprehension)	Do Workbook 10
FB	Oct 12-18	<b>Fall Break (no class)</b>	Keep up with your Greek! The material will start to get harder!
8	Oct 19	HW7: Workbook 10 <b>Quiz 6</b> on Ch. 10	Read Mounce 11–12 (yes! a double chapter for the next 2 weeks)
	Oct 21	Ch. 11: First and 2nd Person Personal Pronouns Ch. 12: αὐτός	Do Workbook 11-12 (do <i>all</i> parsing and short exercises; <i>evens only</i> for reg. trans. and additional exercises) Study for the quiz

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9	Oct 26	HW8-9: Workbook 11-12 <b>Quiz 7</b> on Ch. 11-12	Read Mounce 13-14
	Oct 28	Ch. 13: Demonstrative Pronouns/Adj Ch. 14: Relative Pronouns	Do Workbook 13-14 (do <i>all</i> parsing and short exercises; <i>evens only</i> for reg. trans. and additional exercises) Study for the quiz
10	Nov 2	HW10-11: Workbook 13-14 <b>Quiz 8</b> on Ch. 13-14	Read Mounce 15-16
	Nov 4	Ch. 15-16: Introduction to Verbs; Present Active Indicative	Do Workbook 16
11	Nov 9	HW12: Workbook 16 <b>Quiz 9</b> on Ch. 15-16	Read Mounce <b>18</b> (yes, skip ch. 17 for now)
	Nov 11	<b>Ch. 18: Present Middle/Passive Indicative</b> (sections 18.1-17; skip 18.18; modified vocabulary)	Do Workbook 18 (modified)
12	Nov 16	HW13: Workbook 18 <b>Quiz 10</b> on Ch. 18	Read Mounce 19
	Nov 18	<b>Ch. 19: Future Active and Middle Indicative</b> (sections 19.1-11, 13-19; skip 19.12; modified vocabulary)	Do Workbook 19 (modified)
13	Nov 24	<b>Society of Biblical Literature Meeting</b> in New Orleans (no class)	<i>Take the time to review any paradigms/grammar that you have not mastered. The final is just around the (proverbial) corner!</i>
	Nov 26	HW 14: Workbook 19 <b>Quiz 11</b> on Ch. 19	Read Mounce <b>21</b> (yes, skip ch. 20)
14	Nov 30	<b>Ch. 21: Imperfect Indicative</b> (Active, Middle, and Passive) (sections 21.1–21, 21.23; skip 21.22, modified vocabulary)	Do Workbook 21 (modified)
	Dec 2	HW 15: Workbook 21 <b>Quiz 12</b> on Ch. 21	<i>Study for your Final Exam</i>
15	Dec 7	Final Exam Review (sent through email; <u>no class</u> )	<i>Study for your Final Exam</i>
	Dec 9	<b>Study/Reading Day</b> ( <u>no class</u> )	
FIN	Dec 11-13	———— Finals Week (Dec. 13-14) ————— <b>Final Exam:</b> Time and place to be announced	<i>Congratulations! You made it!</i>