

BS613 Introduction to Greek I

Overall goals

As the first course in a two-course sequence, the goal of Introduction to Greek I is to introduce students to the basic grammar, vocabulary and exegetical tools necessary for reading the Greek New Testament. Each week consists of assignments related to grammar, vocabulary memorization and short translations from the Greek New Testament (and sometimes from the Septuagint). Classroom participation and a commitment to consistent study time outside of class are minimum prerequisites of the course. The course is designed for students with no background in Greek. *Upon completion of the full-year sequence, the student should be able to:*

- Understand the basic grammar and syntax of Biblical Greek.
- Know 320 Greek words – almost 80% of the total word count in the NT.
- Read many verses in the New Testament and Septuagint in the original Greek.
- Appreciate the value of Greek for exegesis, interpretation, and application.

Reading Requirements

Students should expect to read ~400 pages from the **required texts** listed below.

Writing Requirements

Students should expect to devote ample time outside of class to complete weekly translation workbook exercises and memorize vocabulary and grammar. Weekly assignments will be comprised of the following: various translation exercises from Mounce's workbook, vocabulary memorization and preparation for weekly grammar quizzes.

Other

In addition to the weekly assignments, students should expect to take a comprehensive midterm and final exam. Thus, the final grade will be computed based on the following assignments: weekly workbook exercises (20%); weekly quizzes (20%); midterm exam (25%); final exam (25%); and class participation (10%).

Required Texts

- Kurt Aland, et al. *The Greek New Testament*. 4th rev. ed. United Bible Societies. 2002. ISBN: 3438051109
- William D. Mounce, *Basics of Biblical Greek Grammar*. **3rd ed.** Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009. ISBN: 0310287685
- William D. Mounce, *Basics of Biblical Greek Workbook*. **3rd ed.** Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009. ISBN: 0310287677