



**Greek 1, NTGK5351-ONL**  
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**Online**

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**Mission Statement**

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

**Course Description**

This course is designed to teach the basic elements of Greek grammar to establish a foundational understanding of the language for exegesis of the Greek New Testament. This course is a prerequisite for NTGK5352 Greek 2 where students will complete their study of Greek grammar. Students with 6 hours of college Greek may be eligible to forego taking this course. Such students should consult with New Testament professors to determine the level at which they should enter the study of Greek in the seminary.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

The student outcomes for this course include the following:

1. Students should understand the categories and functions of Greek grammar
2. Students should gain an increased appreciation for how the study of Greek enhances Biblical interpretation
3. Students should acquire the ability to translate some texts in the Greek New Testament and apply this analysis to sound interpretation of the text

**Textbooks**

Aland, Barbara, et. al., eds. *The Greek New Testament: with Dictionary*. 5th rev. ed.  
Stuttgart: German Bible Society, 2014.

Decker, Rodney J. *Reading Koine Greek: An Introduction and Integrated Workbook*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2014.

**Course Teaching Methodology**

The course will involve the following methodologies: lecture videos, student assignments, textbook reading, memorization, and recitation. Both inductive and deductive approaches to learning Greek grammar will be utilized.

**Course Requirements**

1. **Daily Assignments:** Each unit is divided into 5 lessons. These lessons include a range of daily assignments designed to help you learn and retain Greek grammar and vocabulary. These assignments include exercises such as writing Greek paradigms, reciting vocabulary words, and reading the textbook. Students are strongly encouraged to do 1 lesson each day of the week instead of trying to do multiple lessons in one day. These daily assignments will account for 25% of the grade for the course.
2. **Class Participation:** This course will also feature a number of ungraded assignments such as vocabulary practice, translation practice, and discussion board participation. While students will not be assessed a specific grade for each of these assignments, the student

will be assessed based on his or participation in and completion of these assignments. Class participation accounts for 10% of the final grade for this course.

3. **Vocabulary Quizzes:** Beginning in Unit 3, Lesson 4 of each unit will include a vocabulary quiz on words covered in prior lessons. These vocabulary quizzes account for 15% of the grade for the course.
4. **Review Quizzes:** Beginning in Unit 3, Lesson 5 will include a review quiz on various Greek concepts covered in prior lessons. These review quizzes account for 15% of the grade for the course.
5. **Assessments:** Beginning in Unit 3, each unit will begin with an assessment that covers any concepts covered in prior units. This assessment will be the first assignment of the new unit. These assessments account for 25% of the grade for the course.
6. **Final Exam:** Students will take a cumulative final exam at the end of the semester. This final exam accounts for 10% of the grade for the course.

### **Evaluation of Grade**

The student's grade will be computed as follows:

- Daily Assignments (25%)
- Class Participation (10%)
- Vocabulary Quizzes (15%)
- Review Quizzes (15%)
- Assessments (25%)
- Final Exam (10%)

### **Attendance Policy**

Students are expected to engage regularly with course content through the learning management system and other course delivery methods. Students who fail to participate consistently in course activities may receive a grade of "F" for the course.

### **Technical Assistance**

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. [Selfserve@nobts.edu](mailto:Selfserve@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the [Selfserve.nobts.edu](http://Selfserve.nobts.edu) or [My.nobts.edu](http://My.nobts.edu) site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. [Canvas@nobts.edu](mailto:Canvas@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Canvas Learning Management System (Faculty/Students/Staff) [Canvas.NOBTS.edu](http://Canvas.NOBTS.edu).
3. [Bluejeanshelpdesk@nobts.edu](mailto:Bluejeanshelpdesk@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the Bluejeans & NOBTS Bluejeans classrooms (On and Off-Campus)
4. [TelephoneHelpDesk@nobts.edu](mailto:TelephoneHelpDesk@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS On-Campus Phone system.
5. [ITCSupport@nobts.edu](mailto:ITCSupport@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests in the Flex classrooms and for general technical questions/support requests. If you are not sure who to contact, use this email address!
6. [504.816.8180](tel:504.816.8180) - Call for any technical questions/support requests. (Currently available Mon-Thurs 7:00am-9:00pm & Fri 7:00-7:00pm Central Time)
7. [www.NOBTS.edu/itc/](http://www.NOBTS.edu/itc/) - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

### **Help for Writing Papers at "The Write Stuff"**

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help in becoming a better writer. A copy of the approved NOBTS Style Guide can be found in the course Blackboard shell, or can be located online at the Writing Center's page on the seminary website at:

<https://www.nobts.edu/resources/pdf/writing/StyleGuide.pdf>

## Plagiarism on Written Assignments

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

## Course Schedule

Date	Unit, Chapters, & Topics
<b>Unit 1</b> August 14-19	<b>The Greek Alphabet and Reading Greek</b> Chapter 1- Alphabet—Getting Started
<b>Unit 2</b> August 21-26	<b>First and Second Declension Nouns</b> Chapter 2- Nouns: Part 1—Nominative and Accusative Cases  Chapter 3- Nouns Part 2—Genitive and Dative Cases
<b>Unit 3</b> August 28-September 2	<b>Personal Pronouns and the Greek Verb</b> Chapter 4- Pronouns: Part 1—Personal Pronouns  Chapter 5- Verbs: Part 1—Verb Basics
<b>Unit 4</b> September 4-9	<b>Adjectives and Adverbs</b> Chapter 6- Modifiers—Adjectives and Adverbs
<b>Unit 5</b> September 11-16	<b>Simple Aorist Verbs and Conjunctions</b> Chapter 7: Verbs: Part 2—Simple Aorist Verbs  Chapter 8- Syntax Part 1—Conjunctions
<b>Unit 6</b> September 18-23	<b>Prepositions and Other Pronouns</b> Chapter 9- Syntax Part 2—Prepositions  Chapter 10— Pronouns: Part 2—Other Types of Pronouns
<b>Unit 7</b> September 25-30	<b>Third Declension Nouns and Pronouns</b> Chapter 11- Third Declension: Part 1—Nouns  Chapter 12- Third Declension: Part 2— Adjectives and Pronouns
<b>Fall Break</b> October 2-7	You have no assignments due this week, but if possible, take time to review the concepts we have learned so far this semester

<b>Unit 8</b> October 9-14	<b>Greek Verbs: Present Indicative</b> Chapter 13- Verbs: Part 3—Verbal Semantics  Chapter 14- Verbs: Part 4—Present (Imperfective) Indicative Verbs
<b>Unit 9</b> October 16-21	<b>Greek Verbs: Present and Imperfect</b> Chapter 15- Verbs: Part 5—Passive Voice and Middle Only Verbs  Chapter 16- Verbs: Part 6—Imperfect (Remote Imperfective) Indicative Verbs
<b>Unit 10</b> October 23-28	<b>Greek Verbs: Aorist</b> Chapter 17- Verbs: Part 7— Aorist (Perfective) Indicative Verbs  Chapter 18- Verbs: Part 8— Second Aorist (Perfective) Indicative Verbs
<b>Unit 11</b> October 30-November 4	<b>Greek Verbs: Future</b> Chapter 19- Verbs: Part 9— Future Indicative Verbs
<b>Unit 12</b> November 6-11	<b>Greek Verbs: Perfect and Pluperfect</b> Chapter 20- Verbs: Part 10—Perfect and Pluperfect (Stative) Indicative Verbs
<b>Unit 13</b> November 13-18	<b>Greek Verbs: Contract and Liquid Verbs</b> Chapter 21- Verbs: Part 11—Contract and Liquid Verbs
<b>Thanksgiving Break</b> November 20-25	You have no assignments due this week.
<b>Unit 14</b> November 27-29	<b>Introduction to next semester</b>  Participles and non-indicative verbs
<b>Final Exam</b> Due by December 6 at midnight	

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