
Introductory Greek

RELS 154 | Fall 2017 (online)
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Course Description: A study of the vocabulary, grammar, and syntax of Koine Greek.

Office Hours: I hold office hours in Cherry 311 Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.; I am also available for appointments most weekdays.

Communication: The best way to reach me is via email. I make every effort to respond to emails within 24 hours. Students are responsible for checking their WKU email account once daily in case there are announcements pertaining to class.

Academic Integrity: Regarding *cheating*, specific examples of unauthorized assistance include giving or receiving any question or answer from any homework assignment or exam. Neither are students allowed to give/receive exam questions/answers from students in previous/subsequent sections of this course. Graded exams remain in the possession of the professor; students may consult their graded exams with the professor during office hours and by appointment. Students are encouraged to study together before exams, but students shall not communicate with each other during exams; any student using any electronic device or looking at any text other than the exam itself will be suspected of cheating. *Violations almost always result in either a zero on the exam or an automatic F in the course.*

Accommodations: In compliance with WKU policy, students who have disabilities and require academic and/or auxiliary accommodations for this course are encouraged to contact the Student Accessibility Resource Center, which is located in Downing Student Union 1074 (270-745-5004; 270-745-3030 TTY; sarc.connect@wku.edu). Please obtain a faculty notification letter (FNL) from the Student Accessibility Resource Center before requesting accommodations directly from the professor.

Learning Outcomes:

- Master the fundamentals of Greek grammar.
- Memorize the most common vocabulary words in the Greek New Testament.
- Read aloud proficiently and translate accurately select Greek New Testament passages.

Academic Study of Religion: According to the University Catalog, “The mission of the religious studies program is to promote the academic study of religion at WKU and in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.” This course focuses on the vocabulary, grammar, and syntax of the Greek New Testament, a canonical collection of Christian Scriptures. In these endeavors, the course does not presume any religious affiliation on the part of the students. Neither does the course intend to privilege any one set of religious (or non-religious) beliefs or practices over any other. Students are *not* required to read the textbook’s “exegetical insights,” which reflect the author’s evangelical Christian theology.

Required Resources:

William Mounce, *Basics of Biblical Greek Pack* including Grammar, Workbook, DVD lectures, etc. ISBN 9780310514381: ≈\$180 from the WKU bookstore; ≈\$120 via Christian Book Distributors. www.christianbook.com/basics-of-biblical-greek-pack/9780310514381/pd/514381

Assessment:

Homework	15%	weekly
Quizzes	15%	weekly
Exam 1	20%	September 18–22
Exam 2	20%	October 23–27
Exam 3	30%	December 4–8

The professor highly recommends that students study approximately one hour per day for at least five days per week. To become fluent, students should read all vocabulary and homework exercises *aloud*. To prepare for weekly *vocabulary quizzes*, write the Greek and English side-by-side on an index card (*never* flip cards with Greek on one side and English on the other), and work through the stack numerous times each day. The professor will also post weekly audio/video slides of each chapter's vocabulary on Blackboard. If some words prove harder to remember, then students should write out the Greek/English 10–20 times by hand. Students are strongly encouraged to work ahead, just as students are strongly discouraged from falling behind.

Weekly *homework* exercises come from Mounce's *Workbook*. Students must upload a legible scan or photo of their completed 'Parsing', 'Warm-Up', and 'Translation' exercises each week; Mounce's 'Additional' exercises are recommended but not required. The professor will award full credit simply for attempting the exercises; please complete the exercises without cheating, and then "grade" your own work via http://doxa.billmounce.com/bbg3_answers.pdf. Additional "graded" practice is available via <https://billmounce.com/newtestamentgreek1>. Weekly *grammar quizzes* will be posted on Blackboard. Students may retake each vocabulary and grammar quiz one time, and the two grades will be averaged.

Exams are cumulative. Each student is responsible for scheduling and completing each exam in a Distance Learning Testing Center (<https://www.wku.edu/testing/students.php>).

Each week, students should read Mounce's Grammar first and then begin memorizing any associated vocabulary and grammatical paradigms; please use the professor's audio/video slides as a guide. Mounce's Video Lectures are recommended to bolster or clarify grammatical concepts. As soon as students feel comfortable, they may begin the Workbook exercises. The full schedule for Week 1 is provided below. Weeks 2–16 have an abbreviated schedule below, but the full schedule will always be on Blackboard.

Week 1: Introduction

- read Mounce, Grammar, chs. 1–4 (pp. xii–xxiv, 1–19)
- read aloud Mounce, Workbook pp. 6–7: <https://billmounce.com/newtestamentgreek1/chapter4/reading>
- watch Barker, Welcome: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HX3gfYeDcpQ>
- watch Barker, Alphabet: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sa-be-VwWHA&t=97s>

α β γ δ ε ζ η θ ι κ λ μ ν ξ ο π ρ σ τ υ φ χ ψ ω

- **Homework:** write out the lowercase Greek alphabet twenty times, and upload a scan or photo to Blackboard by 12:00 p.m. on Monday, August 28.
- watch Barker, How to memorize vocabulary <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fFWZqaCeUxo>
- begin memorizing ch. 4 vocabulary (pp. 16–17); use the 'Greek vocab - ch. 4' PowerPoint slides.
- note: Mounce, Video Lectures, introduction & lessons 1–4 are *optional* this week.

Week 2: nominative and accusative cases (Mounce, section overview 1 & chs. 5–6)

Complete ch. 6 homework, vocab quiz (covering chs. 4 & 6), and grammar quiz on Blackboard by 12pm, Monday, Sept. 4.

Week 3: genitive and dative cases (Mounce, ch. 7)

Complete ch. 7 homework, vocab quiz, and grammar quiz on Blackboard by 12pm, Monday, Sept. 11.
Also write out full paradigm of the definite article seven times, and upload a scan or photo to Blackboard.

Week 4: prepositions and εἰμί (Mounce, ch. 8)

Complete ch. 8 homework, vocab quiz, and grammar quiz on Blackboard by 12pm, Monday, Sept. 18.

Week 5: adjectives (Mounce, ch. 9)

Complete ch. 9 homework, vocab quiz, and grammar quiz on Blackboard by 12pm, Monday, Sept. 25.

Week 6: Monday, September 25–Friday, September 29 **EXAM 1**

Week 7: third-declension nouns (Mounce, section overview 2 & ch. 10)

Complete ch. 10 homework, vocab quiz, and grammar quiz on Blackboard by 12pm, Monday, Oct. 9.

Week 8: personal pronouns (Mounce, chs. 11–12)

Complete chs. 11 & 12 homework, vocab quiz, and grammar quiz on Blackboard by 12pm, Monday, Oct. 16.

Week 9: demonstrative and relative pronouns (Mounce, chs. 13–14)

Complete chs. 13 & 14 homework, vocab quiz, and grammar quiz on Blackboard by 12pm, Monday, Oct. 23.

Week 10: Monday, October 23–Friday, October 27 **EXAM 2**

Week 11: present active indicative verbs (Mounce, section overview 3 & chs. 15–16)

Complete chs. 15 & 16 homework, vocab quiz, and grammar quiz on Blackboard by 12pm, Monday, Nov. 6.

Week 12: contract verbs (Mounce, ch. 17)

Complete ch. 17 homework, vocab quiz, and grammar quiz on Blackboard by 12pm, Monday, Nov. 13.

Week 13: present middle/passive indicative verbs (Mounce, ch. 18)

Complete ch. 18 homework, vocab quiz, and grammar quiz on Blackboard by 12pm, Monday, Nov. 20.

Weeks 14–15: future active/middle indicative verbs (Mounce, chs. 19–20)

Complete chs. 19 & 20 homework, vocab quiz, and grammar quiz on Blackboard by 12pm, Friday, Dec. 1.

Week 16: Monday, December 4–Friday, December 8 **EXAM 3**

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