

## **Introduction to New Testament Greek I – NT 1B03**

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Class Times: Fall 2009, Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

### **Course Description**

A study of the New Testament Greek language, leading to the mastery of the general principles of grammar and syntax.

We will cover Mounce's *Basics of Biblical Greek* from Chapters 1 to 19.

### **Course Objectives**

Knowing:

1. Know the basic morphology, syntax and vocabulary of the Greek New Testament.
2. Know how to translate NT Greek into contemporary English.

Being:

3. Appreciate the value of knowing and being able to use Greek in ministry.
4. Find pleasure in working with Greek in biblical studies.

Doing:

5. Demonstrate proficiency in incrementally learning and building one's knowledge of a biblical language so that it becomes an effective and lasting tool for ministry.

### **Skills Acquisition**

By the end of the first semester (since we are following Mounce's textbook), the student should be able to:

1. Write the Greek alphabet in order, and recognize punctuation and accents as used in the United Bible Societies' *Greek New Testament*.
2. Pronounce words written in Greek letters.
3. Parse and translate first, second and many third declension nouns, adjectives and pronouns in the context of Greek sentences.
4. Parse and translate the present and future indicative of most common verbs.
5. Use a standard NT Greek lexicon.
6. Translate selected Greek passages into English.
7. Correctly identify 210 vocabulary items (comprising 71% of the text of the NT)

### **Attitude Aim**

It is my aim as an instructor to help you *enjoy* Greek and get *excited* about the benefits of knowing and using it in your study and ministry. I will strive to make your learning of Greek a *positive* and *empowering* experience.

### **Required Texts**

1. Mounce, William D. *Basics of Biblical Greek: Grammar*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003. ISBN 0-310-25087-0

2. Mounce, William D. *Basics of Biblical Greek: Workbook*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003. ISBN 0-310-25086-2

Other material will be distributed as handouts in class.

All required textbooks for this class are available from the College's book service, READ On Bookstore, Room 218, McMaster Divinity College. Texts may be purchased on the first day of class. For advance purchase, you may contact READ On Bookstores, 304 The East Mall, Suite 100, Etobicoke, ON M9C 5K1: phone 416-620-2934; fax 416-622-2308; e-mail [books@readon.ca](mailto:books@readon.ca). Other book services may also carry the texts.

### **Course Schedule**

Sept 10 Assigned reading of chapters 1-2. Chapter 3: Alphabet etc.

Sept 15 Chapter 4: Punctuation, syllables, reading aloud

Sept 17 Chapter 5: Noun jobs and parts of speech

Sept 22 Chapter 6: Nominative and Accusative

Sept 24 Chapter 7: Genitive and Dative

Sept 29 First Long Test

Oct 1 Chapter 8: Prepositions

Oct 6 Chapter 9: Adjectives

Oct 8 Adjectives continued

Oct 13 Second Long Test

Oct 15 Chapter 10: Third Declension

Oct 20 Third declension continued

Oct 22 Chapter 11: First and second person pronouns

Oct 27 Chapter 12: autos

Oct 29 Chapter 13: Demonstratives and Vocative

Nov 3 Chapter 14: Relative Pronouns

Nov 5 Review. Using a scholarly lexicon.

Nov 10 Third Long Test

Nov 12 Chapter 15: Introduction to Verbs

Nov 17 Chapter 16: Present Active Indicative

Nov 19 Chapter 17: Contract Verbs

Nov 24 Chapter 18: Present Middle/Passive

Nov 26 Deponent Verbs

Dec 1 Chapter 19: Future Active and Middle

Dec 3 Review

Dec 8 Final Examination 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

### **Course Requirements**

Participation in all classes is required.

There will be a quiz almost every class on material to be memorized (alphabet, endings, vocabulary, grammar terms etc.) These will be assigned in the previous class. There will be three long tests, at the end of major sections (see Course Schedule), each an hour and a half long (i.e. the whole class period). There will be other homework and assignments, some to hand in and some to correct in class or on your own. Failure to do and submit such will result in loss of up to 5 marks off the final grade. You will be expected to keep up with the exercises in Mounce's *Workbook*, and to check your own answers with an answer key provided. This is *vital* to your progress.

**Grading:** Daily Quizzes: 30%  
Long Tests 30% (10% each)  
Final Exam 40%

### **Statement on Academic Honesty**

Academic dishonesty is a serious offence that may take any number of forms, including plagiarism, the submission of work that is not one's own or for which previous credit has been obtained, and/or unauthorized collaboration with other students. Academic dishonesty can result in severe consequences, e.g., failure of the assignment, failure of the course, a notation on one's academic transcript, and/or suspension or expulsion from the College.

Students are responsible for understanding what constitutes academic dishonesty. Please refer to the Divinity College Statement on Academic Honesty ~ [www.madciv.ca/regs/honesty.php](http://www.madciv.ca/regs/honesty.php).

### **Gender Inclusive Language**

McMaster Divinity College uses inclusive language for human beings in worship services, student written materials, and all of its publications. In reference to biblical texts, the integrity of the original expressions and the names of God should be respected. The NRSV and TNIV are examples of the use of inclusive language for human beings. It is expected that inclusive language will be used in chapel services and all MDC assignments.

Please Note: This syllabus is the property of the instructor and is prepared with currently available information. The instructor reserves the right to make changes and revisions up to and including the first day of class.