

**REFORMED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
NEW YORK CITY**

**COURSE SYLLABUS
Greek I – 09NT5100**

Fall Semester, 2025

CLASS FORMAT

This is a Distance Education Class supplemented by weekly meetings with the professor.
All video lessons must be watched and assigned homework completed BEFORE the in-person meetings each week.

In person sessions will be Thursday evenings:
6:00-7:20 PM from Sept. 4-Dec. 18 (No class Oct. 16, Nov. 27).
Online drill sessions with TA's will be scheduled (see below).

Course Hours:
Asynchronous Video = 9 hours
Online Drill = 13 hours (1 hour weekly)
In-person Component = 18 hours

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NOTE: Please do not email or text for questions on assignments or to request extensions. The following contacts should be via Canvas:

- 1) Extension requests must be made in the individual comment section where the student would submit that assignment on Canvas.
- 2) Questions about assignments should be made in the general comments section regarding that assignment (visible to all).
- 3) More general class questions should be made in the Professor/Student discussion forum in Canvas.

If the issue is not covered by these three categories, then please email me. You are welcome to have my cell phone, but please only text me for emergencies. The three categories above are not emergencies.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: An introduction to the Greek language of the New Testament Scriptures.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. To glorify God by and while learning to read the New Testament in its original language.
2. To enable the student to read and translate from portions of the Greek New Testament.
3. To aid the student in the preparation of teaching the Scriptures.
4. To equip the student to understand lexical aids and commentaries on the New Testament.
5. To prepare the student for Greek Exegesis.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Mounce, William D. *Basics of Biblical Greek, Fourth Edition*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan, 2019.

_____. *Basics of Biblical Greek Workbook, Fourth Edition*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan, 2019.

Either:

Demoss, Matthew S. *Pocket Dictionary for the Study of New Testament Greek*. Downers Grove: Inter-Varsity, 2001.

Jackson, Paul N. *Zondervan Compact Greek Lexicon*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Academic, 2025.

RECOMMENDED SOFTWARE:

Basics of Biblical Greek iOS App. For vocabulary review. (Android users: no specific app exists for this textbook, but several apps correlate with it.)

REQUIREMENTS:

Online preparation: Students are required to read the textbook chapter, watch all videos, **and complete all homework BEFORE in-person sessions each week.**

Professor Interactions: Students are required to attend class sessions with the professor each Thursday. If you know you cannot make it to a class session, you must notify the instructor **in advance**. Multiple absences will result in a grade reduction. Failure to attend a significant number of classes (*with “significant” being defined at the discretion of the instructor*) may result in failure of the class.

Drill Sessions: Course TA’s will meet with the students online to continue their practice. If a student’s quiz average is above 92, drill sessions may become optional, at the professor’s discretion, but they remain highly encouraged.

Homework: Students are required to complete and hand in all assigned homework **at class in hard copy** on the week a chapter is covered. (i.e.: **The homework for Chapters 1-4 is due at class on Sept. 4.**)

After students have completed the homework working on their own, they should use the key (available at www.teknia.com) to self correct the homework. The self-corrections should be in a **DIFFERENT COLOR** from the homework done by the student. So long as the assignment has been reasonably completed and the corrections are all marked, the student will receive full credit for the homework done. Late homework is accepted up until the date of the midterm or final exam but will receive a maximum of half credit.

Homework may or may not include all exercises in the textbook, so students should take care each week to note which exercises are assigned.

Pronunciation Exam: Each student will schedule an online pronunciation exam with either the professor or a TA. Students will be asked to read a section of scripture out loud which they do not know in advance. The exams will be scheduled in the third week of the course. Students

must pass this exam to continue in the course. It may be retaken as many times as necessary but must be passed before the drop/add deadline.

Quizzes: Each week students will be quizzed covering the **cumulative** grammar and vocabulary in the course. There will be **NO** “make up” quizzes if a student is absent. However, the lowest **three** quiz grades will be dropped.

Midterm and Final: The midterm exam and final exam will include the same type of material included in the homework and/or quizzes.

TOTAL GRADE:

The final grade for the course will be the total of each of the required assignments listed above.

Homework (20%)

Thursday Class Performance (15%)

Attendance (10%)

Quizzes (20%)

Midterm Exam (15%)

Final Exam (20%)

The instructor reserves the right to adjust grades based on each student’s attendance at class and participation in classroom exercises.

NOTE!!!

- **Don’t get behind!** A language course is by necessity cumulative. If you get behind, you will be simultaneously trying to learn old and new material. This is a recipe for disaster!
- **Be consistent!** Studying a language is much more effective if done daily. You did not learn English (or whatever your native tongue may be) by looking at it once per week. Do not expect to learn Greek that way either!
- **Take small bites!** Four half hour study sessions are noticeably more effective than one two hour session.
- **Ask questions!** Class time is meant to serve the students. Take advantage of the time you have. Don’t just keep your head down and try to fake your way through if something does not make sense.
- **Contact the professor or teaching assistant for one-on-one help!** Do not hire an outside tutor, and don’t merely look up the answer. Get help if you need it.
- **Trust in the Lord!** Generations of seminarians have successfully learned Greek. You can, too.

OFFICE HOURS:

Thursdays 4:30-5:30. I am always also available by appointment, including before or after class or by phone.

I enjoy sharing thoughts with students, so do not hesitate to contact me

SCHEDULE:

Sept. 4	<p>Chapters 1-4 – Master the Alphabet Pronunciation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To write and pronounce the alphabet, words • To identify breathing marks • To identify punctuation <p>HW Due – Workbook: Ex 3, 4; Review #1</p>
Sept. 11	<p>Chapters 5-6 – Introduction To English Nouns, Nominative, Accusative, Definite Article</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review English parts of speech and noun usage • To identify whether a noun is first or second declension • To identify the nominative and accusative cases in Greek • To learn the first three noun rules • To identify and properly translate the Greek definite article <p>HW Due – Workbook: Ex 6</p>
Sept. 18	<p>Chapter 7 – Genitive and Dative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify the genitive and dative cases in Greek • To properly translate the genitive and dative cases using keywords • To learn noun rules 4-6 <p>HW Due – Workbook: Ex 7 Pronunciation Exam!</p>
Sept. 25	<p>Chapter 8 – Prepositions and εἰμί</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify prepositions and their objects • To become aware that the meaning of prepositions can change • To identify dependent clauses • To memorize the forms of εἰμί • To properly translate the “to be” verb with a predicate nominative <p>HW Due – Workbook: Ex 8</p>
Oct. 2	<p>Chapter 9 – Adjectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn the three functions of the Greek adjective • To identify adjectives in all three genders <p>HW Due – Workbook: Ex 9</p>
Oct. 9	<p>Chapter 15-16 – Intro to Verbs, Present Active Indicative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review basic English grammar relating to verbs • To identify the main components of a Greek verb • To define “aspect” and explain its significance for understanding Greek verbs • To define the present tense • To master the primary active endings • To master the forms of the present active indicative <p>HW Due – Workbook: Ex 16 (Track 2); Review 2 is recommended but not required ***Note: Track 2. Do not do the Track 1 exercise***</p>

Oct. 16 NO Class – Reading Week

- **Midterm Exam taken on student’s own schedule – must be completed by COB Oct. 16**

Oct. 23	<p>Chapter 17 – Contract Verbs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify the peculiarities of verb stems ending in alpha, epsilon or omicron • To learn the five basis rules governing the contraction of vowels <p>HW Due – Workbook: Ex 17 (Track 2)</p>
Oct. 30	<p>Chapter 18 – Present Middle/Passive Indicative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To define the passive voice and properly translate • To master the present middle passive indicative • To define a deponent verb and properly translate it <p>HW Due – Workbook: Ex 18 (Track 2)</p>

Nov. 6	<p>Chapter 21 – Imperfect Indicative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify and properly translate the imperfect indicative • To recognize an augment when added to a verb beginning with a vowel • To master the secondary active and passive endings <p>HW Due – Workbook: Ex 21 (Track 2); Review #3 (Track 2) is recommended but not required</p>
Nov. 13	<p>Chapter 10 – Third Declension</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn the third declension of the Greek noun • To develop several strategies for identifying third declension nouns • To master the “square of stops” (noun rule 7) • To become aware that a tau cannot stand at the end of a word (noun rule 8) <p>HW Due – Workbook: Ex 10 (Track 2)</p>
Nov. 20	<p>Chapter 11 – First and Second Person Personal Pronouns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To master the first and second person pronouns (I and You) • To learn additional third declension patterns <p>HW Due – Workbook: Ex 11 (Track 2)</p>

Nov. 27 NO Class – Thanksgiving

Dec. 4	<p>Chapter 12 – αὐτός (Third Person Personal Pronouns)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn the three uses of αὐτός • To review the declension of αὐτός <p>HW Due – Workbook: Ex 12 (Track 2)</p>
Dec. 11	<p>Chapter 13 – Demonstrative Pronouns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn the form and function of Greek demonstrative pronouns • To learn the fifth Greek case, the vocative <p>HW Due – Workbook: Ex 13 (Track 2)</p>
Dec. 18	<p>Chapter 14 –Relative Pronouns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn the form and function of Greek relative pronouns • To identify and properly translate relative clauses <p>HW Due – Workbook: Ex 14 (Track 2)</p>

Dec. 23

- **Final Exam taken on student’s own schedule – must be completed by COB Dec. 23**

MDiv* Student Learning Outcomes <i>In order to measure the success of the MDiv curriculum, RTS has defined the following as the intended outcomes of the student learning process. Each course contributes to these overall outcomes. This rubric shows the contribution of this course to the MDiv outcomes.</i> <i>*As the MDiv is the core degree at RTS, the MDiv rubric will be used in this syllabus.</i>		Rubric <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong • Moderate • Minimal • None 	Mini-Justification
Articulation (oral & written)	Broadly understands and articulates knowledge, both oral and written, of essential biblical, theological, historical, and cultural/global information, including details, concepts, and frameworks. Also includes ability to preach and teach the meaning of Scripture to both heart and mind with clarity and enthusiasm.	Minimal	Language Class
Scripture	Significant knowledge of the original meaning of Scripture. Also, the concepts for and skill to research further into the original meaning of Scripture and to apply Scripture to a variety of modern circumstances. (Includes appropriate use of original languages and hermeneutics; and integrates theological, historical, and cultural/global perspectives.)	Strong	Cannot fully understand original meaning without language training
Reformed Theology	Significant knowledge of Reformed theology and practice, with emphasis on the Westminster Standards.	Minimal	Reformed instructor, so will have some impact
Sanctification	Demonstrates a love for the Triune God that aids the student's sanctification.	Moderate	Students often struggle with fears, pastoral approach to teaching language
Worldview	Burning desire to conform all of life to the Word of God. Includes ability to interact within a denominational context, within the broader worldwide church, and with significant public issues.	Minimal	Language Class
Winsomely Reformed	Embraces a winsomely Reformed ethos. (Includes an appropriate ecumenical spirit with other Christians, especially Evangelicals; a concern to present the Gospel in a God-honoring manner to non-Christians; and a truth-in-love attitude in disagreements.)	Moderate	Discussion and evaluation of contributions from other traditions in a respectful and honoring way
Pastoral Ministry	Ability to minister the Word of God to hearts and lives of both church and unchurched, to include preaching, teaching, leading in worship, leading and shepherding the local congregation, aiding in spiritual maturity, concern for non-Christians.	Moderate	Exegetical work that forms the backbone of strong preaching; regular discussion of applications for preaching