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OT 1511 Beginning Hebrew I
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COURSE PURPOSE

The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to a study with of the fundamentals of the Hebrew language, with particular emphasis on its use in the original writing of the Old Testament.

Objectives of the Course

- Work with the Hebrew alphabet and the pronunciation of Hebrew words
- Be familiar with basic vocabulary
- Recognize various nominal and verbal forms of Hebrew words
- Understand the basic syntax of a Hebrew sentence
- Have a beginning knowledge of reading Hebrew narrative
- Begin to develop an awareness of the multiple resources available

Texts for the Course

Required Texts:

M. Mansoor, *Biblical Hebrew Step by Step: Vol I.*

A. Ross, *Introducing Biblical Hebrew*

Peter James Silzer and Thomas John Finley, *How Biblical Languages Work*

Course Requirements

1. Class attendance: more than two unexcused absences drops final grade one letter grade.
2. Completion of Weekly Assignments.
3. Read text in preparation for class.
4. Practice **Daily** on vocabulary cards that student will make.

Course Grading

1. Class attendance: more than two unexcused absences drops final grade one letter grade.
2. Eleven quizzes (the lowest grade will be dropped) (200 Points).
3. Final Exam (100 Points)
4. Weekly Assignments (300 Points)
5. Total Possible points, not counting bonus, 600.
6. Class participation will influence borderline grades.

BTS FORMAT AND STYLE STANDARDS

NOTE: All papers must be formatted in accordance with Turabian Chicago standards including the title page. Any paper not conforming to these standards will automatically be dropped one letter grade.

Proper planning and timely completion of assignments is crucial.

Course Outline

Week One

September 10 Ideally, it would be helpful to read the first chapter of Silzer and Finley before class begins.

Week Two

September 17 S&F, Read chapter 1; M, chapters 2-4; (especially on how to write Hebrew . alphabet in order. Quiz on Hebrew alphabet

Week Three

September 24 S&F, chapter 2 (attention to Hebrew aspects); M., chapter 5; Ross, Lesson 2; Quiz on vocabulary from Ross, and Lesson 2 Hebrew vowel pointings.

Week Four

October 1 S&F, chapter 3(pp.74-97); Ross, Lesson 3; Quiz Vocabulary R3.

Week Five

October 8 S&F, chapter 3(pp.106-117);Ross 5; Quiz on Vocabulary of R5.

Week Six

October 14-18 Fall Break No classes.

Week Seven

October 22 M. Chapter 6; Ross, lesson6; Quiz on vocabulary of R 6.

Week Eight

October 29 M. Chapter 7; Ross, lesson 7; Quiz on vocabulary of R7.

Week Nine

November 5 Ross, chapter 8: Quiz on vocabulary of R 8.

Week Ten

November 12 M, chapter 9; Ross, lesson 10; Quiz on vocabulary of R 9.

Week Eleven

November 19 Read Mansoor, ch.14; Ross, **lesson 10; Quiz on vocabulary of R R10 and Perfect Verb Personal Endings.**

Week Twelve

November 26 Mansoor, chapter 10; Ross, lesson 11. Quiz on prepositions **(demonstrative and independent).**

Week Thirteen Final Exam

December 6 Final Exam