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OT1511 Beginning Hebrew I

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COURSE PURPOSE

The purpose of this course is to equip the student with the essential vocabulary and grammatical framework with which to read and, with some degree of accuracy, to translate the Hebrew Old Testament.

Objectives of the Course

Beginning Hebrew is designed to enable the student to become familiar with the language of the Old Testament, so that he may begin to read and translate the Hebrew text, and be able to avail himself to numerous Hebrew helps, both for his private study, as well as preparation for teaching. Therefore vocabulary is an important element that must be emphasized every week, and hopefully, every day. Pronunciation will be emphasized, so that the student will be able to confidently read from his Hebrew text.

Texts for the Course

Required Texts:

[Basics of Biblical Hebrew](#) by Practico and Van Pelt, 3rd edition

[Basics of Biblical Hebrew: Workbook](#) by Practico and Van Pelt, 3rd edition

[Biblical Hebrew Laminated Sheet \(Zondervan Get an A! Study Guides\)](#) by Gary D.

Pratico and Miles V. Van Pelt

[Practical Grammar for Classical Hebrew](#) by J. Weingreen (good used copy can be found for around \$10.00 on the internet) to be used as a reference. Check with your professor if you have problems finding it.

Recommended (Free online cards and audio available):

[Basics of Biblical Hebrew Vocabulary Cards \(Zondervan Vocabulary Builder Series, The\)](#) by Miles Van Pelt

[Basics of Biblical Hebrew Vocabulary Audio](#) by Gary D. Pratico, Miles V. Van Pelt and Jonathan T. Pennington

Course Requirements

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

Course Grading

1. Class attendance and participation 25 points
2. Vocab quizzes (the 2 lowest grades will be dropped) (25points).
3. Workbook (50 points)

Course Outline Textbook/Workbook

Week 1	9/4	Chapters 1 and 2
Week 2	9/11	Chapter 3
Week 3	9/18	Chapter 4
Week 4	9/25	Chapter 5
Week 5	10/2	Chapter 6
Week 6	10/9	Chapter 7
Week 7	10/16	Fall Break
Week 8	10/23	Chapter 8
Week 9	10/30	Chapter 9
Week 10	11/6	Chapters 10 and 11
Week 11	11/13	Chapters 12 and 13
Week 12	11/20	Chapters 14 and 15
Week 13	11/27	Thanksgiving
Week 14	12/4	Chapter 16

These chapters will be covered in class on the day assigned, but part of the homework of the student is to have read the material before coming to class. There will also be weekly vocabulary tests covering the assigned chapters for that week. Homework each week will be an appropriate section from the Workbook which will relate to the material previously covered in class. Extra credit will also be available from the Workbook.