

HBW 102 Elementary Biblical Hebrew

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---- THREE Semester Hours ----

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HBW 101

DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to introduce the student to foundational Hebrew vocabulary, syntax, and grammar coupled with initial readings from the Hebrew Bible.
(2007-2008 Undergraduate Catalog, 93)

RATIONALE

HBW 102, along with HBW 101, 201, and 202, fulfills the language requirement for a B.A. degree. Each biblical Hebrew course equips students for a life-long study of the Old Testament, training them to handle the text directly and with confidence. Correct interpretation depends upon proper translation.

HBW 102, as part of the departmental offerings, prepares students for graduate work at a seminary or divinity school. Mastery of the Hebrew language will better meet the weekly demands of preaching and teaching in the local church.

OBJECTIVES

- ❶ The student will learn the seven Hebrew verbal systems (conjugating strong, weak, and doubly weak verbs).
- ❷ The student will follow the rules of pronunciation.
- ❸ The student will increase his/her working vocabulary.
- ❹ The student will read, write, and translate simple sentences.
- ❺ The student will have a greater appreciation for the message of the Old Testament.
- ❻ The student will acquire the rudimentary skills that HBW 201 requires.

ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING

The accomplishment of the learning OBJECTIVES mentioned above will be measured by class participation, pop quizzes, and periodic examinations throughout the semester.

Grading

At the end of the semester, all work will be evaluated and the results recorded to determine the student's final grade for the course.

A grade of **A** is reserved for work which is definitely superior in quality; **B** is given for work which is consistently good and which manifests sufficient interest, effort, or originality to lift it above average work; **C** is given for average work and shows

that basic requirements in class assignments have been met. It is the minimum requirement for graduation; **D** earns credit but is below the standard required for graduation; and **F** indicates failure and naturally carries no credit. (2007-2008 *Undergraduate Catalog*, 50)

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| 5% | Attendance |
| 10% | Class Participation |
| 15% | Quizzes |
| 45% | Sectional Tests (3) |
| 25% | Final Exam |

| Grading Scale |

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| A | 90-100 |
| B | 80-89 |
| C | 70-79 |
| D | 60-69 |
| F | ↓60 |

Factors determining a BETTER grade: (1) Attend class and (2) Avoid make-ups

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- ① Lecture
- ② Homework Exercises
- ③ Class Participation
Class Participation is recitation. Recitation IN class requires completing the homework exercise BEFORE class.
- ④ Preparation for Pop Quizzes and Periodic Examinations (4)

TEXT

Bailey, D. Waylon and John O. Strange. *Biblical Hebrew Grammar*. New Orleans: Insight Press, 1985.

POLICIES

| Attendance |

The Department of Christian Studies and Philosophy follows the guidelines described in the Mississippi College *Undergraduate Catalog*. Class attendance is required and records are kept for class meetings. According to the 2007-2008 *Undergraduate Catalog*, "A student receives a grade of F in a course immediately upon accumulating the following number of absences, whether excused or unexcused: 12 IN SEMESTER CLASSES MEETING 3 TIMES PER WEEK; 8 in semester classes meeting 2 times per week; 4 in semester classes meeting 1 time per week; and 6 in summer day classes." (55) *Some course attendance policies may differ according to the professor.*

| Make-ups |

Quizzes

Absence = Zero (0)

Sectional Tests

STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY

Contact the professor via his voice mail (925-3471).

PROFESSOR'S RESPONSE

TWO dates have been reserved for all make-up exams--**No Exceptions.**

Thursday, March 6 @ 7:00 AM in Provine 103

Wednesday, April 23 @ 7:00 AM in Provine 103

† *Student irresponsibility--missing the sectional test but not contacting the professor that day--WILL BE penalized.*

Penalty: 2 Points/Class Meeting (following the sectional test)

The penalty will be deducted from the make-up test.

Final Exam

"No examination of a regular class may be held at any other time except that designated by the administration." (2007-2008 Undergraduate Catalog, 53)

OUTLINE

❶ Hebrew Verbal Systems: Conjugation of Strong Verbs

Qal

Stative Verbs

Waw Consecutive, Cohortative, and Jussive

Niph'al

Pi'el

Pu'al

Hithpa'el

Hiph'il

Hoph'al

❷ Strong Verbs + Pronominal Suffixes

Perfect

Imperfect

Imperative

Infinitive Construct

❸ Conjugation of Weak Verbs

Pe Guttural

Pe 'Aleph

Pe Nun

Pe Yodh

Pe Waw

'Ayin Guttural

'Ayin Yodh

'Ayin Waw

Double 'Ayin

Lamedh Guttural

Lamedh 'Aleph

Lamedh He

❹ Conjugation of Doubly Weak Verbs

❺ Reading Exercises

COURSE SCHEDULE

Introduction to the Course

Hebrew Verbal Systems: Conjugation of Strong Verbs

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| REVIEW: Qal Perfect of the Regular Verb | Lesson 21 |
| REVIEW: Qal Imperfect and Imperative | Lesson 22 |
| REVIEW: Qal Participles and Infinitives | Lesson 23 |
| Stative Verbs | Lesson 24 |
| Waw Consecutive, Cohortative, and Jussive | Lesson 25 |
| Niph'al of the Regular Verb | Lesson 26 |
| Pi'el | Lesson 27 |
| Pu'al | Lesson 28 |
| Hithpa'el | Lesson 29 |
| Hiph'il | Lesson 30 |
| Hoph'al | Lesson 31 |

Strong Verbs + Pronominal Suffixes

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| Pronominal Suffixes with the Perfect | Lesson 32 |
| Pronominal Suffixes with the Imperfect and Imperative | Lesson 33 |
| Pronominal Suffixes with the Infinitive Construct | Lesson 34 |

Conjugation of Weak Verbs

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| The Weak Verbs: Pe Guttural Verbs | Lesson 35 |
| Pe 'Aleph Verbs | Lesson 36 |
| Pe Nun Verbs | Lesson 37 |
| Pe Nun Verbs: Special Forms of נָתַן and לָקַח | Lesson 38 |
| Pe Yodh and Pe Waw Verbs | Lesson 39 |
| 'Ayin Guttural Verbs | Lesson 40 |
| 'Ayin Yodh Verbs | Lesson 41 |
| 'Ayin Waw Verbs | Lesson 42 |
| Double 'Ayin Verbs | Lesson 43 |
| Lamedh Guttural Verbs | Lesson 44 |
| Lamedh 'Aleph Verbs | Lesson 45 |
| Lamedh He Verbs | Lesson 46 |

Conjugation of Doubly Weak Verbs

Reading Exercises

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| Lesson 47 |
| Lesson 48 |
| Lesson 49 |
| Lesson 50 |

TESTING SCHEDULE

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| Sectional Test #1 ----- | FEBRUARY 13 |
| Sectional Test #2 ----- | MARCH 5 |
| Sectional Test #3 ----- | APRIL 14 |
| Final Exam ----- | MAY 2 (11:00 AM - 1:00 PM) |

Last Day to Drop a Class: MARCH 28

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| Make-ups ----- | MARCH 6 (7:00 AM) |
| | APRIL 23 (7:00 AM) |

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

If special accommodations due to learning, physical, psychological, or other disabilities are needed, please contact Dr. Buddy Wagner in the Counseling and Career Development Center (925-3354).