



Old Testament Hebrew (6p/3cr)

Level: Basic

Subject area: Bible Studies

Course code: BVGT 200

Course Prerequisites

Specific eligibility for university studies.¹

Course Goals

As a result of successfully completing this course, the student should be able to:

Knowledge and Understanding

- be familiar with the basics of Hebrew morphology.
- have memorized a central portion of biblical Hebrew vocabulary.
- be able to reproduce in Hebrew writing central grammatical paradigms and parse all verbal forms encountered
- know some important facts about the emergence of the biblical Hebrew language.

Skills and Abilities

- analyse the main parts of a Hebrew sentence.
- translate some texts from the Hebrew Old Testament by using a lexicon.
- parse Hebrew forms of the noun and some verbal forms.
- apply grammatical rules regarding word roots

Assessment and Approach

- assess choices in translation as an interaction between grammatical analysis and hermeneutics;
- assess exegetical and grammatical choices based on the understanding that grammatical categories are interdependent upon a textual corpus and not absolutes.

Course Contents

The course introduces the student to the Hebrew language of the Old Testament so as to equip the student with the tools necessary for beginning to translate Old Testament Hebrew.

¹ Basic eligibility + Historia A, Samhällskunskap A eller Historia 1b/1a1 + 1a2, Samhällskunskap 1b/1a1 + 1a2 (eligibility 1/A1)

Course Procedures

The teaching consists of recorded lessons available online and live online lessons.

Examination

Evaluation Procedures:

A = 90-100	Excellent knowledge and a high degree of independent thinking
B = 80-89	Good level of knowledge and some independent thinking
C = 70-79	Basic knowledge and abilities
D = 60-69	Fulfilment of minimum requirements
F = below 60	Fail

Assignments:

The assignments, as listed below, are each assessed on a scale ranging from 59–100 % (which e.g. means that the final exam [see below] that gets the grade 80% is worth 32%).

Quizzes	60%
Final exam	40%
TOTAL	100%

Study & Assignment Schedule:

See separate schedule.

Description of assignments:

1. Reading Assignments: Read the assigned chapter for each lesson and
2. Vocabulary: Learn the vocabulary for each chapter you read.
3. Quizzes: Weekly quizzes comprise the vocabulary and the grammar from previous week's chapters. The students will be asked to give English equivalents to Hebrew words and must be ready to parse Hebrew forms as well as to reproduce Hebrew grammatical paradigms from memory.
4. Final test: The final test is comprehensive in scope. In preparing for the final test, the student should repeat the vocabulary encountered in the text book as that vocabulary will be used in the test. No aids are allowed.

Course Literature

Required Textbooks

Pratico, Gary and Mile V. Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew: Grammar*. 3rd ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan 2019.

Pratico, Gary and Mile V. Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew: Workbook*. 3rd ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan 2019.

Recommended Literature:

Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft 1997 (or later).

Brown, F, S.R. Driver, and C.A. Briggs. *The Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon*. Peabody: Hendrickson Publishers 1996.

Gesenius, W. and E. Kautzsch. Trans. Cowley. *Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar*. Reprint. 2nd. ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press 1910.

Holladay, W.L. *A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans 1971.

Joüon, Paul and T. Muraoka. *A Grammar of Biblical Hebrew*. 2 vols. Roma: Editrice Pontificio Istituto Biblico 2000.

Waltke and O'Connor: *Introduction to Biblical Hebrew Syntax*. Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns 1990.

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