

BASIC HEBREW
-COURSE REQUIREMENTS-
2015-2016

COURSE GOAL: Over two semesters the student will master the basic elements of biblical Hebrew. Beginning with writing and pronunciation, the student will move from simple readings to the translation of OT texts. Regular workbook assignments will bring familiarity and confidence in working with Hebrew. Completion of the assigned grammar text will bring a mastery of Hebrew words used 70+ times in the OT.

TEXTS: Pratico & Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew (Grammar)*
Pratico & Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew (Workbook)*
Semester I: Lessons 1-16
Semester II: Lessons 17-36

EXAMS: There will be comprehensive Vocabulary Tests after three or four new chapters. Since words are the building blocks of language, the student should seek to master every new word. Mastery of the vocabulary will strengthen one's final grade.

Two major Grammar/translation Tests will be offered each semester for your stimulation and evaluation. Exams include grammar questions, reproduction of paradigms, and translations. The final examination will be comprehensive over the entire term.

HOMEWORK: You should plan on studying Hebrew outside of class for 4 to 8 hours every week. The faithful execution of written assignments is critical to the learning process. Homework will be assigned out of the Workbook.

QUIZZES: There will be a vocabulary/translation quiz most every class and, in order to encourage prompt attendance, it should be completed within the first 10 minutes of class.

Look for 5 questions, with an occasional extra credit. The two lowest quiz grades will be dropped before grade averaging.

ATTENDANCE: The student may take off up to 4 class hours without grade penalty; unexcused absences beyond this amount will penalize the student's grade. Absences due to serious illness or emergency might be excused. Zeroes will be recorded for all missed quizzes.

GRADING: Grammar Tests -- 50% Vocabulary Tests -- 25%
Homework -- 20% Quizzes -- 5%