SCOPE: **Basic Hebrew I** is a 4 credit course that demands time for reading, reviewing, vocabulary mastery, and workbook exercises. Biblical Hebrew is not difficult, but like any language study, it can be time intensive.

Normally, resident students invest 180 clock hours in Basic Hebrew I. PMP students should plan on studying Basic Hebrew about 5 hours per week over a 9 month span.

A PMP Mentor who reads/has read Hebrew is important, but not essential because of electronic tools. Basic Hebrew 1 & 2 are largely self-taught. PMP class sessions in Tacoma are not offered, but you may always consult with the Hebrew professor through the year.

Lessons 1-16 of Practico & Van Pelt are mastered in Basic Hebrew 1.

TEXTS: Pratico & Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew (Grammar)*
Pratico & Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew (Workbook)*

TOOLS: Van Pelt’s relevant video lectures following the outline of his grammar book should be viewed after reading each chapter. The video lectures appear available on YouTube (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uIfLf_ffDyw), as well as in DVD format: used copies are around $55 to cover Basic Hebrew 1 & 2 (http://www.amazon.com/Basics-Biblical-Hebrew-Video-Lectures/dp/0310498244#).

Another YouTube tool is the video recordings of Basic Hebrew at The Masters Seminary; a different textbook and vocab list is used, so only the first one or two videos are recommended in order to hear the alphabet song and pronunciations (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qvh8yziVsCE).

Paradigms Master Pro for Hebrew is very helpful according to our students. Cost is $20 (or $27 for Hebrew & Greek): http://paradigmsmasterpro.com/

Parson’s Technology “Hebrew Tutor,” though dated in technology, is a helpful, interactive Biblical Hebrew software program with audio.

EXAMS: There are four Vocabulary Tests. Since words are the building blocks of language, the student should seek to master every new word. It helps to think up silly word associations in English. Vocab flashcards (homemade or retail) are recommended, and be sure to check out your grammar book’s interactive DVD.

There are two Grammar/translation Tests covering grammar questions, reproduction of paradigms, and translations. The final examination will be cumulative over the entire term.

HOMEWORK: Complete all written exercises in the required Workbook. Scans, or if necessary, photocopies, will be sent to the Hebrew professor after three new chapters are completed.
GRADING: Grammar Tests -- 40% Vocabulary Tests -- 30%
Homework -- 30%

RECOMMENDED (not rigid) PMP SCHEDULE

September
Text and Workbook: Chpts 1 & 2

October
Text and Workbook: Chpts 3 & 4

November
Text and Workbook: Chpts 5 & 6

December
Text and Workbook: Chpts 7 & 8

January
Text and Workbook: Chpts 9 & 10
Vocab Exam: Chpts 3-7

February
Text and Workbook: Chpts 11 & 12
Vocab Exam: Chpts 8-11

March
Text and Workbook: Chpts 13 & 14
Midterm Exam over Chpts 1-10

April
Text and Workbook: Chpts 15 & 16
Vocab Exam: Chpts 12-14

May
Review
Vocab Exam: Chpts 3-16
Final Exam over Chpts 11-16

June 31 = final completion of all Workbook exercises and Exams