



St. Andrew's College

BA 101-102 Introductory Hebrew Grammar

Day & Time: Monday-Friday 9:00-11:30 a.m.

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Course Description:

Comprehensive introduction to the grammar of biblical Hebrew. Translation from Hebrew into English of selected Old Testament passages.

Course Goals:

At the end of this course, students should be able to:

1. Identify and analyze biblical Hebrew noun and verb forms
2. Explain the basics of biblical Hebrew syntax
3. Identify and translate about 400 words of biblical Hebrew
4. Read and translate simple biblical passages from Hebrew to English

Required Textbooks: (purchase ahead of time from your favourite bookseller)

Kittel, Bonnie Pedrotti, Victoria Hoffer & Rebecca Abts Wright, rev. Victoria Hoffer. Biblical Hebrew: Text and Workbook, 2nd ed. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2005.

The New Brown-Driver-Briggs-Gesenius Hebrew-English Lexicon. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1979. Reprint with Strong's Concordance Numbers of the Oxford 1907 edition.

Handout package of selected biblical texts.

Further Readings:

I have placed a copy of Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia, Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar, and Waltke-O'Connor Biblical Hebrew Syntax on reserve. These are useful reference tools.

Evaluation:

There are several components to the course evaluation, which culminates in the course grade. You will get a final grade for each half of the course.

BA 101

1. Daily attendance & participation (10%);
2. Homework assignments (40%);
3. Drills 1-4 (20%);
4. Examination (30%).

BA 102

1. Daily attendance & participation (10%);
2. Homework assignments (40%);
3. Drills 5-6 (10%);
4. Examination (40%).

Students requiring accommodation for special needs should contact the instructor **and** register with the Disability Services for Students Office at the University of Saskatchewan (Room 60, Place Riel) as soon as possible. I will not grant accommodation without the appropriate form from the DSS.

Daily attendance, homework assignments, and completion of six drills

Each class we will work through two lessons (occasionally three). At the beginning of the class, the assignments from the previous class's lessons will be due. There will be six review drills during the course. They will be due on the dates noted in the course outline. The daily assignments and drills will be graded out of 20 and averaged.

Because of the compressed nature of this course, it is important that you attend every class and do the assignments in the workbook. You will find it difficult to complete the drills if you have not been attending and doing the assignments. Auditors of the course are expected to attend, do the homework assignments, and the drills.

Note: **I only accept assignments submitted in hard copy.** You should also keep a hard copy for yourself in case of problems. You should hand in assignments in person.

BA 101 examination

This will be a three-hour examination, similar in structure to Drill 5 (pp. 144-145), plus a vocabulary test of 30 words, plus a short passage to translate. It will be done during the class-period of **May 27th**. Auditors of the course are not required to take the exam, but may decide to do so.

BA 102 examination

This will be a three-hour examination. It will be a short biblical passage you have not seen before. You will be asked to provide a translation of the passage and then to provide an analysis of some grammatical forms. It will be done during the final class-period of **June 24th**. Auditors of the course are not required to take the exam, but may decide to do so.

Course schedule:

Each session will run from 9:00-10:10 and from 10:20-11:30, except for the two examination days, which will run from 9:00-12:00.

The course schedule is subject to change as the course progresses; we shall take more time if needed on some topics, and spend correspondingly less time on other topics. We shall complete Lesson 26 before May 27th, and complete Lesson 55 before June 24th.

Date	Topic/Lesson numbers (subject to change)
BA 101	
May 9	Introduction to the course; Kittel A-H
May 10	Lessons 1-3
May 11	Lessons 4-6
May 12	Drill 1 due Lessons 7-8
May 13	Drill 2 due Lessons 9-10
May 16	Drill 3 due Lessons 11-12, The Verb
May 17	Drill 4 due Lessons 13-14
May 18	Reading Gen 22:1-5; Lessons 15-16
May 19	Reading Gen 22:6-11; Lessons 17-18
May 20	Reading Gen 22:12-14, 28:10-12; Lessons 19-20
May 23	No class, Victoria Day
May 24	Reading Gen 28:13-18; Lessons 21-22
May 25	Reading Gen 28:19-29:3; Lessons 23-24, The Noun
May 26	Reading Gen 29:4-11; Lessons 25-26
May 27	BA 101 Examination (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)
BA 102	
June 6	Drill 5 due Reading Exod 3:1-6; Lessons 27-28
June 7	Reading Exod 3:7-13; Lessons 29-31
June 8	Reading Exod 3:14-17, Gen 37:1-8; Lessons 32-33
June 9	Reading Gen 37:9-16; Lessons 34-35
June 10	Reading Gen 37:17-24; Lessons 36-37
June 13	Reading Deut 6:1-10; Lessons 38-39
June 14	Reading Deut 6:11-20; Lessons 40-41
June 15	Reading Deut 6:21-25, 1 Kgs 17:1-5; Lessons 42-44
June 16	Reading 1 Kgs 17:6-20; Lessons 45-46
June 17	Reading 1 Kgs 17:21-24, 18:20-24; Lessons 47-48
June 20	Reading 1 Kgs 18:25-34; Lessons 49-51
June 21	Drill 6 due Reading 1 Kgs 18:35-19:5; Lessons 52-53
June 22	Reading 1 Kgs 19:6-15; Lessons 54, 55
June 23	Reading 1 Kgs 19:16-21, Pss 24, 100; Wrap-up, review & evaluation
June 24	BA 102 Examination (9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)