

**Logos Evangelical Seminary  
LA531: Hebrew I  
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Tuesdays, 3:15-6:20 PM**

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**Course Description**

This course is designed as an introductory course to biblical Hebrew. Students will gain a basic understanding of the vocabulary and grammar of the Hebrew language. The mastery of these basic elements will provide for the students the skills necessary to use the language as a tool for the exegesis of the Old Testament.

**Relevance for Ministry**

A thorough knowledge of the scriptures is essential in pastoral ministry. Reading the scriptures in their original languages allows a deeper understanding and more insightful exegesis of the Bible, particularly the Old Testament, which was written within a cultural context far different from our own. In addition, basic knowledge of the Hebrew language gives one tools to better assess commentaries, articles, and different translations.

**Course Learning Outcomes**

At the end of this course, you are expected to...

1. Recognize about 250 vocabulary. I will assess this by weekly quizzes.
2. Read and pronounce every Hebrew word and verses. I will assess this by weekly reading assignment.
3. Understand basic Hebrew grammar. I will assess this by two exams.
4. Translate basic Hebrew verses. I will assess this by two exams.
5. Memorize the Aaronic Prayer. I will assess this by hearing student reciting the prayer.

**Course Rubrics**

	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory	Good	Excellent
1. Vocabulary	Recognize less than 200 vocabulary	Recognize less than 200-230 vocabulary	Recognize about 230-250 vocabulary	Recognize about 250 vocabulary
2. Reading	Unable to read fluently and wrong pronunciation	Able to read Hebrew but lack fluency and	Able to read Hebrew with some fluency	Able to read Hebrew fluently and accurately

		accuracy	and most accuracy	
3. Grammar	Inadequate understanding of Hebrew grammar	Adequate understanding of Hebrew grammar	Good understanding of Hebrew grammar	Solid and accurate understanding of Hebrew grammar.
4. Translation	Unable to translate Hebrew verses with 70% accuracy	Able to translate Hebrew verses with 70% accuracy	Able to translate Hebrew verses with 80% accuracy	Able to translate Hebrew verses with 90% accuracy
5. Aaronic Prayer	Unable to memorize or with many mistakes	Memorize with some mistakes.	Memorize fluently but with minor mistakes	Memorize fluently with almost no mistakes

### Course Format

This course will meet weekly for 12 weeks. Class sessions will include a short devotional time, lecture, review of assignments, reading from the BHS, translation exercises, and quizzes designed to reinforce learning and to provide students with feedback about their progress.

### Required Textbooks

(BHS) Elliger, K. and W. Rudolph. *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*. 5<sup>th</sup> ed. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1997 (soft cover or hard cover).

(BBH) Pratico, G. and Van Pelt, M. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew: Grammar*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2007.

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(BDB) Brown, F.; S. R. Driver; and C. A. Briggs. *A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament, with an appendix, containing the Biblical Aramaic*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1996.

### Recommended Resources<sup>1</sup>

BibleWorks and/or Logos Software

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<sup>1</sup> Hebrew Interlinear is not recommended and cannot be used in class. Bilingual Hebrew-English Bible cannot be used in class.

## Class Policies and Preparation

### 1. Preparation Time

Students will be expected to spend at least two hours of outside preparation for every hour of class. This will mean 6 HOURS OF PREPARATION OUTSIDE OF CLASS PER WEEK for average students.

### 2. Attendance

A language class requires a large time commitment on your part and you need to make every effort to be present at all class periods. 3 absences will receive a failing grade.

### 3. Assignments

Class assignments will include reading from the *BBH*, the completion of assigned exercises on the workbook, and the learning of vocabulary on each chapter. I will collect your workbook during mid-term and final exam. My teaching assistance will grade your workbook weekly.

### 4. Quizzes

9 quizzes will be given to assess the students' vocabulary and grammar. The quizzes will only be given at the beginning of the class hours. Therefore, punctuality is important.

Missed quizzes: Only tests completed by the allotted class time will be accepted. No make-up quiz is allowed in any other time.

### 5. Tests

There will be 2 tests throughout the semester.

### Grading:

1. 9 Quizzes	30%
3. Workbook	20%
4. Mid-term exam	20%
5. Final Exam	30%
Total	100%

### Grading Scale

A	93.5-100
A-	90.0-93.4
B+	86.5-89.9
B	83.5-86.4
B-	80.0-83.4
C+	76.5-79.9
C	73.5-76.4
C-	70.0-73.4

**Course Calendar**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Course Schedule</b>	<b>Assignments</b>	<b>Ck</b>
<b>1</b>	(9/6)	Introduction to the course  Chapter 1 – Consonants  Chapter 2 - Vowels	Workbook: pp. 1-4 Memorize the consonants  Workbook: pp.7-9 Memorize the vowels	
<b>2</b>	(9/13)	<b>Quiz 1</b> Chapter 3 - Syllabification Practice reading Hebrew	Practice reading Hebrew Workbook: pp. 11-13	
<b>3</b>	(9/20)	<b>Quiz 2</b> Read Genesis 1		
<b>4</b>	(9/27)	<b>Quiz 3</b> Chapter 4 – Nouns  Chapter 5 - Definite Articles	Workbook: pp. 15-16 (#1-25), p. 19  Workbook: p. 21-22, Bible Translation (BT) p. 23	
<b>5</b>	(10/4)	<b>Quiz 4</b> Chapter 6 – Prepositions  Chapter 7 – Adjectives	Workbook: pp. 25-26, BT, p. 27  Workbook: p. 29 (odd no.), p. 30, BT pp. 32-33 (even no.)	
<b>6</b>	(10/11)	<b>Quiz 5 (Yom Kippur)</b> Chapter 8 - Pronouns  Chapter 9 - Pronominal Suffixes	Workbook: pp. 35-36 BT, p. 37 (odd no.)  Workbook: pp. 39-40, p. 43, 45, BT, p. 47 (even no).	

<b>7</b>	(10/18)	<b>Mid-term Exam (20%)</b> Chapter 10 - Construct Chain	Workbook: pp. 49, BT, p. 52	
<b>8</b>	(10/25)	<b>Quiz 6</b> <b>How to use BDB</b> Chapter 11 – Numbers  Chapter 12 - Verbs	Workbook: pp. 57-58  Workbook: pp. 59, 60	
<b>9</b>	(11/1)	<b>Quiz 7</b> Chapter 13 - Qal Perfect Strong Verbs  Chapter 14 - Qal Perfect Weak Verbs	Workbook: pp. 67-68, BT, p. 69  Workbook: p. 73, BT, p. 76, p. 81; BT, p. 84	
<b>10</b>	(11/8)	<b>Quiz 8</b> Chapter 15 - Qal Imperfect Strong Verbs  Chapter 16 - Qal Imperfect Weak Verbs	Workbook: p. 89; BT, p. 91.  Workbook: p. 95; BT, p. 97, 101; BT, p. 103, 107, 111, 115, 119	
<b>11</b>	(11/15)	<b>Quiz 9</b> Chapter 17 – Waw Consecutive  Chapter 18 – Imperative, Cohortative, Jussive	Workbook: p. 125, p. 126 (#1-4) p. 131 (#1-5)  Workbook: 135, 141. BT p. 137-138 (#4, #6, #10); BT p. 143-144 (#1, 3, 5); p. 149	
<b>12</b>	(11/22)	<b>Thanksgiving Break</b> <b>No Class</b>	Review for final	
<b>13</b>	(11/29)	<b>Final Exam</b> <b>Reciting the Aaronic Prayer</b>	See you next semester	