I. COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course provides students with a treatment of Biblical Hebrew grammar and syntax at the intermediate level. We will analyze the morphological and syntactical features encountered in narrative (Gen 19, 32, Num 22, Ruth, 2 Kgs 3), prophecy (Jer 48) and archaic Hebrew poetry (Judg 5). These texts deal with the role and function of Transjordan as frontier in the history of Ancient Israel. Class lectures will cover topics of Hebrew grammar such as the verbal system, verbless clauses and so on. In addition, we will focus on developing skills to interact critically with Hebrew grammars (cf. Putnam). Vocabulary acquisition will include all vocabulary found in the selected texts to be prepared for class and quizzes. We will also work through a vocabulary frequency list (cf. Van Pelt-Pratico).

II. PREREQUISITE TEXTBOOKS
- Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia
- Hebrew Lexicon:
  W.L. Holladay, A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament (Eerdmans, 1974)


III. REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS


Note: Other readings will be placed on reserve.

**Recommended Textbooks**


IV. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Weekly quizzes (50%). 30 min. every Thursday beginning 2nd week (see schedule below).
   - Translation and parsing of the text required each week
   - Identification questions from readings and lectures
   - Vocabulary from Van Pelt-Pratico (VP): 20 words a week (Frequency from 69 times to 47 times)
2. Final Exam (50%). Translation, parsing and grammatical analysis of a selected text from any of the Hebrew passages assigned in the class (with limited use of lexicon).
   NOTE: No vocabulary frequency list from VP for the final exam.
3. For each class students should be prepared to translate, parse and explain the grammatical features of the assigned text. Students will learn to use both Joüon-Muraoka and Putnam in order to interact with the grammars. Lack of preparation and attendance will result in a grade penalty.

V. CLASS SCHEDULE

**Week 1 Sept 15/17 History of the Hebrew language**
- Hebrew Grammar: An historical overview (cf. JM § 1-4)
- Orthography and Phonetics (cf. JM § 5-33)
- Gen 19 (29 verses) “Lot’s refuge”
- Begin JM §111-124
Week 2 Sept 22/24 The Hebrew Verbal System
- Finish JM §111-124
- Gen 32 (32 verses) “Jacob’s test”
- Quiz on Gen 19 and VP #507-527

Week 3 Sept 29/Oct 1 Verbless clauses
- JM § 153-177
- Num 22 (41 verses)
- Quiz on Gen 32 and VP #528-548

Week 4 Oct 6/8 Archaic Biblical Hebrew
- Overview of ABH features
- Judg 5 (31 verses) “shifting loyalties”
- Quiz on Num 22 and VP #549-569

October 13/15 READING WEEK

Week 5 Oct 20/22 Nominals
- JM § 134-147+ skim § 86-101
- Ruth 1-2 (45 verses) “Moabite-Israelite”
- Quiz on Judg 5 and VP #570-590

Week 6 Oct 27/29 Designation of Individuals
- Ruth 3-4 (36 verses) “David’s origins”
- Quiz on Ruth 1-2 and VP #591-611

Week 7 Nov 3/5 Particles
- JM § 102-105, 132-133
- 2 Sam 17-18 (52 verses) David’s refuge
- Quiz on Ruth 3-4 and VP #612-632

November Nov 10/12 READING WEEK

Week 8 Nov 17/19 Diversity in Pre-exilic Hebrew
- 1 Kgs 11 (42 verses)
- Quiz on 2 Sam 17-18 and VP #633-653

Week 9 Nov 24 Hebrew Epigraphy
- 2 Kgs 3 (27 verses)
- Mesha Inscription lines TBD
- Thursday is Thanksgiving NO CLASS/NO QUIZ
Week 10 Dec 1/3 Syntax of Prophecy
  • JM§ 125-131
  • Jer 48 (47 verses)
  • Quiz on 2 Kgs 3 and VP #654-674

Final Exam will include Jer 48. Final Exam Week is Dec 16-18. Please consult registration office for specific time.

VI. BIBLICAL HEBREW SELECT REFERENCE BIBLIOGRAPHY

Dictionaries/Concordances


Hebrew Grammar


**Hebrew Vocabulary**


**Hebrew Text**


**Hebrew Narrative**


