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Course	HEBREW GRAMMAR I OLDT 0611 1S
Date, Time, and Delivery Format	SEPTEMBER 13 – DECEMBER 8, 2022 TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, 9:45 – 11:05 AM SYNCHRONOUS ONLINE
Instructor	DR. REBECCA G. S. IDESTROM Telephone/voicemail: (416) 226-6620 Ext. 6771 Email: ridestrom@tyndale.ca
Class Information	The classes will be live streamed on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:45–11:05 AM. Students may participate in live streamed office hours as posted below: Thursdays 11:05 AM-12:00 PM or at a separate time by appointment
Course Material	Access course material at classes.tyndale.ca or other services at Tyndale One . Course emails will be sent to your @MyTyndale.ca e-mail account only.

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

An introduction to the basic principles of Biblical Hebrew with emphasis on morphology, phonology and syntax.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

A. Knowledge and Understanding

1. demonstrate a basic knowledge of the grammar and syntax of Biblical Hebrew.
2. read and translate basic Hebrew sentences.

3. recognize the vocabulary introduced through the course.
4. recall some of the history of the Hebrew language.
5. recognize the importance of knowing Biblical Hebrew for interpreting the Old Testament.

B. Discipline-Specific Skills

1. parse and translate verbal forms in the categories studied in class.
2. use Hebrew dictionaries and grammars for doing Bible study, word study, exegesis, and sermon preparation.
3. read biblical texts in Hebrew with perception and insight.

C. Transferable Skills

1. use the available resources for studying Biblical Hebrew.
2. foster the ability to read biblical texts carefully, paying close attention to detail.
3. foster a desire for life-long learning of the Hebrew language.
4. learn self-disciplined study habits and the ability to meet fixed deadlines as set out by the course outline.

III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. REQUIRED TEXTS AND TOOLS

Pratico, Gary D. and Miles V. Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Grammar*. Third Edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2019. ISBN: 978-0-310-53349-8

Pratico, Gary D. and Miles V. Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Workbook*. Third Edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2019. ISBN: 978-0-310-53355-9

Scheumann, Jesse R. and Merissa Scheumann. *According To Their Kinds: A Biblical Hebrew Picture Dictionary*. Wilmore, KY: GlossaHouse, 2019. ISBN: 978-1942697930

Picture Hebrew Flashcard App (3rd ed.) <https://www.glossahouse.com/product-page/picture-hebrew-flashcard-app-3rd-edition> Please note that when purchasing this Picture Hebrew Flashcard App, you will be given two options for uploading the flashcards to an app. You need to download the app Anki first and then you need to choose the automatic upload option to Anki (rather than the manual option). The automatic upload option to Anki follows the order of the pictures in the *According To Their Kinds: A Biblical Hebrew Picture Dictionary*. Here is the app Anki website: <https://apps.ankiweb.net/> I will give more instructions about how to do this on the Moodle course page.

Aleph with Beth Online YouTube videos (Required watching, Weekly Links are found on Moodle Course page). Bethany and Andrew Case are Bible Translators with Wycliffe.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkKmeTinUEU27syZPKrzWQQ>

The STEP Bible (a helpful Hebrew and Greek online resource) <https://www.stepbible.org/> Tyndale recommends this free and reputable online resource developed by Tyndale House (Cambridge, England) for word searches of original language texts, as well as for topical searches, interlinear texts, dictionaries, etc. Refer to the Library for other [online resources for Biblical Studies](#).

B. RECOMMENDED TEXTS

Dallaire, H el ene. *Biblical Hebrew: A Living Language*. Lexington, KY, 2016. I may make some materials from this textbook available on the course resource page. These supporting materials is used by permission of the author.

Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia (BHS). K. Elliger and W. Rudolph, eds. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1967.

Vance, Donald R., George Athas, and Yael Avrahami, eds. *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia: A Reader's Edition*. K. Elliger, W. Rudolph, eds. 5th revised ed. A. Schenker. Peabody: Hendrickson, 2014.

Brown II, A. Philip and Bryan W. Smith, eds. *A Reader's Hebrew Bible*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2008.

Buth, Randall. *Living Biblical Hebrew: Introduction Part One (Aleph)*. Jerusalem: Biblical Language Center, 2006.

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Brown, F., S. Driver, and C. Briggs. *The Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon*. Peabody: Hendrickson, 1996.

Clines, David J. A., ed., *The Concise Dictionary of Classical Hebrew*. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2009.

Greenwood, Kyle. *Dictionary of English Grammar for Students of Biblical Languages*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2020.

Holladay, W. L. [A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament](#). Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1988.

Howell, Adam J., Benjamin L. Merkle, and Robert L. Plummer. *Hebrew for Life: Strategies for Learning, Retaining, and Reviving Biblical Hebrew*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2020.

Long, Gary A. *Grammatical Concepts 101 for Biblical Hebrew*. Peabody: Hendrickson, 2002.

Old Testament Hebrew Vocabulary Cards, by Miles V. Van Pelt and Gary D. Pratico (The Zondervan Vocabulary Builder Series; Zondervan).

Pratico, Gary D. and Miles V. Van Pelt. *Biblical Hebrew Laminated Sheet*. Zondervan Get an A! Study Guides. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005.

Pratico, Gary D. and Miles V. Van Pelt. *Biblical Hebrew Survival Kit*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2006. ISBN 13-978031074100

Van Pelt, Miles. *English Grammar to Ace Biblical Hebrew*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2010.

<http://dailydoseofhebrew.com/>

C. INTERACTIVE LIVE STREAM REQUIREMENTS

- Livestream attendance for the entire duration of the class at announced times
 - Headphones (preferred), built-in microphone, and web-camera
 - Well-lit and quiet room
 - Stable high-speed internet connection, preferably using an Ethernet cable over Wi-Fi
 - Download Zoom application (www.Zoom.us/download)
 - Full name displayed on Zoom and Microsoft Teams for attendance purposes*
 - A commitment to having the camera on to foster community building*
- *exceptions with permission from professor

All students will have access to our course page located at classes.tyndale.ca and each week students should check the Moodle course page for any instructions, handouts or other relevant material that the professor will be using in class. These documents will be available for you to download.

D. ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

1. Class Attendance, Study Group Participation, and Completed Homework (10 %):

Regular and faithful attendance is required. The student is expected to participate in class, do the written assignments and exercises, participate in a study group, and become well acquainted with the grammar and other resources.

2. Quizzes (50 %):

There will be regular quizzes given in class during the course of the semester based on the vocabulary and grammar studied up to that point. Quizzes are given at the beginning of the class period. Missed quizzes count as zero. The lowest quiz mark will not be counted.

3. Final Exam (40 %):

There will be a final exam worth 40 % (the date to be confirmed by Office of the Registrar).

Students taking this course are required to form study groups comprised of between three to four members. Homework may be done as a group, however, the “divide and copy” method (i.e. you do questions 1–5 and I will do 6–10, and then copy each other’s answers) is expressly prohibited. The groups must meet once per week to assist one another in learning the language. Each group can set a time when is convenient for them to meet in a live-streamed online meeting. Students are expected to be in contact with members of their study group frequently and regularly for the purpose of review, reading practice, vocabulary testing, problem solving, and mutual support. Your group is one of your most important assets in this course. If you and your study group is not a good match and is not working out, please tell the professor immediately.

Learning Hebrew requires adequate time. Therefore the student should refrain from overloading his or her schedule while studying Hebrew. The student must work on their Hebrew daily or at least every other day. Cramming last minute does not work when learning a language. Learn to use small chunks of time for vocabulary and paradigm review. As a suggested guideline, study three hours outside of class for every hour spent in class (the number of hours needed will vary with each student). Plan regular study time into your schedule. Attendance in class is also required. Do not miss class, even if your homework is not completed. Always ask questions if you do not understand. Do not allow yourself to fall behind by not resolving any problems you may have. Bring your questions to class and to your study group. Learning a biblical language can be challenging but it is also very rewarding. Anyone can learn if they really want to and are willing to work hard. You will not regret it when you begin to use your knowledge of Hebrew to read and study God’s Word. You will discover innumerable treasures therein. You are about to begin a rich journey of discovery with God’s grace!

E. EQUITY OF ACCESS

Students with permanent or temporary disabilities who need academic accommodations must [contact](#) the [Accessibility Services](#) at the [Centre for Academic Excellence](#) to [register](#) and discuss their specific needs. *New students* must self-identify and register with the Accessibility Office at

the beginning of the semester or as early as possible to access appropriate services. *Current students* must renew their plans as early as possible to have active accommodations in place.

F. SUMMARY OF ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Class Attendance, Participation and Completed Homework	10 %
Quizzes	50 %
Final Exam	40 %
Total Grade	100 %

G. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN WORK

Academic Integrity

Integrity in academic work is required of all our students. Academic dishonesty is any breach of this integrity, and includes such practices as cheating (the use of unauthorized material on tests and examinations), submitting the same work for different classes without permission of the instructors; using false information (including false references to secondary sources) in an assignment; improper or unacknowledged collaboration with other students, and plagiarism. Tyndale University takes seriously its responsibility to uphold academic integrity, and to penalize academic dishonesty.

Students are encouraged to consult [Writing Services](#). Citation and other [tip sheets](#).

Students should also consult the current [Academic Calendar](#) for academic policies on Academic Honesty, Gender Inclusive Language in Written Assignments, Late Papers and Extensions, Return of Assignments, and Grading System.

Research Ethics

All course-based assignments involving human participants requires ethical review and approval by the [Tyndale Research Ethics Board \(REB\)](#). Check with the Seminary Dean's Office (aa@tyndale.ca) before proceeding.

H. COURSE EVALUATION

Tyndale Seminary values quality in the courses it offers its students. End-of-course evaluations provide valuable student feedback and are one of the ways that Tyndale Seminary works towards maintaining and improving the quality of courses and the student's learning experience. Student involvement in this process is critical to enhance the general quality of teaching and learning.

Before the end of the course, students will receive a MyTyndale email with a link to the online course evaluation. The link can also be found in the left column on the course page. The evaluation period is 2 weeks; after the evaluation period has ended, it cannot be reopened.

Course Evaluation results will not be disclosed to the instructor before final grades in the course have been submitted and processed. Student names will be kept confidential and the instructor will only see the aggregated results of the class.

IV. IMPORTANT DATES

There are no classes on Oct 25 and Oct 27 due to Seminary Reading Days (October 25–28, 2022). The date of the Final Exam will be confirmed by the Office of the Registrar.

V. REQUIRED HOMEWORK

ALEPH WITH BETH AND HEBREW PICTURE VOCABULARY REVIEW

Watch the **Aleph with Beth** YouTube Videos. The video links for each week will be posted on Moodle Course page.

Review Hebrew Vocabulary from the textbook by Jesse Scheumann and Merissa Scheumann, *According To Their Kinds: A Biblical Hebrew Picture Dictionary*. Use the Hebrew Picture Flashcard App (3rd ed.) to review the vocabulary.

COMPLETE EXERCISES IN THE *BASICS OF BIBLICAL HEBREW WORKBOOK*

After a chapter has been taught in class, review the grammar, vocabulary, and do the homework assigned for that chapter.

VI. SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

([Tyndale Library](#) supports this course with [e-journals](#), [e-books](#), and the [mail delivery of books](#) and circulating materials. See the [Library FAQ page](#).)

Introductory Grammars:

Buth, Randall. *Living Biblical Hebrew: Introduction Part One (Aleph)*. Jerusalem: Biblical Language Center, 2006.

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Vance, Donald R. *Introduction to Classical Hebrew*. Boston: Brill Academic Publishers, 2004.

More Advanced Grammars:

Arnold, Bill T. and John H. Choi. *A Guide to Biblical Hebrew Syntax*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003.

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Steinmann, Andrew E. *Intermediate Biblical Hebrew: A Reference Grammar with Charts and Exercises*. Saint Louis, MO: Concordia Publishing House, 2009.

Van der Merwe, Christo H. J., Jackie A. Naudé and Jan H. Kroeze. [*A Biblical Hebrew Reference Grammar*](#). Biblical Languages: Hebrew 3. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1999, 2000.

Waltke, Bruce K. and M. O'Connor. [*An Introduction to Biblical Hebrew Syntax*](#). Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1990.

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Lisowsky, G. *Konkordanz zum Hebräischen Alten Testament*. 2nd ed. Stuttgart: German Bible Society, 1981.

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https://libguides.tyndale.ca/sb.php?subject_id=63436

Audio Hebrew Bible:

<http://www.mechon-mamre.org/p/pt/ptmp3prq.htm>

<https://torahclass.com/audio-bible-in-hebrew>

Helpful websites for Hebrew:

<https://biblingo.org/>

<http://dailydoseofhebrew.com/>

<http://www.animatedhebrew.com/>

<http://www.mechon-mamre.org>

<http://torahforme.org>

<http://www.learningbiblicalhebrewinteractively.com/>

<http://bakerpublishinggroup.com/books/beginning-biblical-hebrew/342630/esources>

<https://www.stepbible.org/>

A list of additional resources can be found on the Biblical Studies website:

<http://tyndale.ca/seminary/biblical-studies>.