

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
BHE 530 Hebrew IA

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The essentials of the Hebrew of the Old Testament with an emphasis on grammar. Most of the basic grammar is covered in IA. This course along with IB will equip the student to begin to use the Hebrew language tools in exegesis of the Hebrew text.

OBJECTIVES

Upon the successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Explain the basic grammatical features of the Hebrew language and pronounce it on sight.
2. Translate simple Biblical sentences using a lexicon.

TEXTBOOKS

Required:

Pratico, Gary D., and Miles V. Van Pelt. Basics of Biblical Hebrew: Grammar. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2001.

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Recommended:

Holladay, William L. A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1988.

BASIC OUTLINE

Class

Lessons in BBH

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| 1. | Weds | Sept. 3 | teach chap 1--the alphabet |
| 2. | Fri | 5 | drill chap 1; teach chaps 2 and 3 |
| 3. | Weds | 10 | drill chaps 2 and 3 |
| 4. | Fri | 12 | drill chaps 2 and 3 |

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| 5. | Weds | 17 | QUIZ 1 over chaps 1-3; teach chap 4 |
| 6. | Fri | 19 | drill chap 4; teach chaps 5 and 6 |
| 7. | Weds | 24 | drill chaps 5 and 6 |
| 8. | Fri | 26 | QUIZ 2 over chaps 4-6; teach chaps 7 and 8 |
| 9. | Weds | Oct 1 | drill chaps 7 and 8 |
| 10. | Fri | 3 | QUIZ 3 over chaps 7-8; teach chap 9 |
| 11. | Weds | 8 | drill chap 9; teach chap 10 |
| 12. | Fri | 10 | drill chap 10 |
| 13. | Weds | 15 | QUIZ 4 over chaps 9-10; teach chap 11 |
| 14. | Fri | 17 | drill chap 11; review chaps 1-11 |
| 15. | Weds | 22 | MID TERM EXAM over chaps 1-11 |
| 16. | Fri | 24 | teach chaps 12 and 13 |
| 17. | Weds | 29 | drill chaps 12 and 13 |
| 18. | Fri | 31 | QUIZ 5 over chaps 12 and 13; teach chaps 24-34 evens |
| 19. | Weds | Nov 5 | drill stems in the perfect |
| 20. | Fri | 7 | QUIZ 6 over stems in the perfect; teach stems in imperf. |
| 21. | Weds | 12 | drill stems in the imperfect and w-conv and interrog. chaps 15, 17, and part of 8 |
| 22. | Fri | 14 | QUIZ 7 over stems in the imperf., w-conv., interrog. teach chap 18 |
| 23. | Weds | 19 | drill chap 18 |
| 24. | Fri | 21 | drill chap 18 |
| 25. | Weds | 26 | QUIZ 8 over chap 18; teach chap 19 |
| | Fri | 28 | THANKSGIVING BREAK |
| 26. | Weds | Dec. 3 | drill chap 19 |
| 27. | Fri | 5 | drill chap 19 |
| 28. | Weds | 10 | Review chaps 1-19 for Final Exam |
| 29-30 | Fri | 12 | FINAL EXAM over chaps 1-19 from 10:15-12:45 |

METHODOLOGY

Detailed, coverage of the lessons in the grammar book, with daily homework consisting mainly of study of the lessons and memorization of grammar and selected vocabulary. This will be practiced in class orally and then by quizzes and exams.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

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Class attendance is expected; maximum allowable absences is four (4) class periods. Please talk to the professor about your absences.

1. Be prepared each day to answer questions orally on the lessons including pronouncing the Hebrew.
2. Write the quizzes and exams on the scheduled dates.

Late Work

Work completed after the class it was due may be credited for less than full credit at the professor's discretion.

Grading Procedure

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| Class participation and any homework | | 10% | |
| Quizzes | | 35% | |
| Exams | Mid Term | | 20 % |
| | Final | 35% | |

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SPECIFIC DATA

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