



AMBROSE
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

HEB 100-1
Biblical Hebrew I
Fall 2008

Class Schedule:

Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 11:15am-12:30pm

Room: TBA

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Course Description:

This course is an introduction to the basic principles of biblical Hebrew with emphasis on morphology (words and their forms) and syntax (how words fit together to make coherent sentences). There will also be a strong emphasis on acquiring a broad vocabulary for reading the Old Testament in Hebrew. The study of Hebrew is very challenging for most students but is very rewarding for students who persevere. You should plan on spending 1-3 hours *every day* preparing for and reviewing material covered in class.

Course Objectives:

In successfully completing this course, a student should:

- know the basic forms of Hebrew words
- have memorized a solid vocabulary
- have begun to translate texts directly from the Hebrew Bible.
- know the value of knowing the original language of the Old Testament for research and exegesis and translation comparison
- have built a foundation for a lifetime of fruitful engagement with the Hebrew Scriptures

Required Textbooks

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

Pratico, Gary Davis, and Miles V. Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Workbook*. Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, 2001.

Course Requirements:

10 % - Homework Completion

11 % - Vocab tests (1% per test)

Top 11 of 12 tests count toward final grade

36% - Vocab & Grammar tests (4% per test)

Top 9 of 10 tests count toward final grade

20 % - Midterm Examination

23 % - Final Examination

COURSE OUTLINE:

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TEXTBOOK</u>	<u>TEST</u>
Week 1	Sept.17	Chapter 1	-----
	Sept 19	Chapter 2	-----
Week 2	Sept 24	Chapter 2	Alphabet (1 %)
	Sept. 26	Chapter 3	Vowels etc. (3 %)
Week 3	Oct.1	Chapter 4	Vocab
	Oct 3	Chapter 5	Vocab & Grammar
Week 4	Oct 8	Chapter 6	Vocab
	Oct 10	Chapter 7	Vocab & Grammar
Week 5	Oct 15	Chapter 8	Vocab
	Oct 17	Chapter 9	Vocab & Grammar
Week 6	Oct 22	Chapter 9	Vocab
	Oct 24	Chapter 10	Vocab & Grammar
Week 7	Oct 29	Chapter 11	Vocab
	Oct 31	Chapter 12	Vocab & Grammar
Week 8	Nov 5	Chapter 12	Vocab
	Nov 7	Chapter 13	Vocab & Grammar
Week 9	Nov 12	Chapter 13	Vocab
	Nov 14	MIDTERM EXAMINATION	
Week 10	Nov 19	Chapter 14	Vocab
	Nov 21	CLASS CANCELLED FOR SBL CONFERENCE ☹	
Week 11	Nov 26	Chapter 15	Vocab
	Nov 28	Chapter 15	Vocab & Grammar
Week 12	Dec 3	Chapter 16	Vocab
	Dec 5	Chapter 16	Vocab & Grammar
Week 13	Dec 10	Chapter 17	Vocab
	Dec 12	Chapter 17	Vocab & Grammar
Final Exam	DURING FINAL EXAM WEEK		FINAL EXAM

Grading: The course grades are as follows:

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Numerical Value</u>	<u>Description</u>
A+	95-100	Excellent
A	86-94	
A-	80-85	
B+	77-79	Good
B	73-76	
B-	70-72	
C+	67-69	Satisfactory
C	63-66	
C-	60-62	
D+	57-59	Poor
D	53-56	Minimal Pass
F	0-52	Failure

Important Notes:

It is the responsibility of all students to become familiar with and adhere to academic policies of as are stated in the Student Handbook and Academic Calendar.

Personal information, that is information about an individual that may be used to identify that individual, may be collected as a requirement as part of taking this class. Any information collected will only be used and disclosed for the purpose for which the collection was intended. For further information contact the Privacy Compliance Officer at privacy@auc-nuc.ca.

Although extensions to coursework in the semester are at the discretion of the instructor, students may not turn in coursework for evaluation after the last day of the scheduled final examination period unless they have received permission for a "Course Extension." Alternative times for final examinations cannot be scheduled without prior approval. Requests for course extensions or alternative examination time must be submitted to the Registrar's Office by the appropriate deadline. Course extensions are only granted for serious issues that arise "due to circumstances beyond the student's control."

Ambrose is committed to fostering personal integrity and will not overlook breaches of integrity such as cheating which will result in either a failing grade for the assignment or course, or immediate dismissal from the university college. Students are expected to be familiar with the policies in the current Academic Calendar and the Student Handbook that deal with plagiarism, cheating, and the penalties and procedures for dealing with these matters. All cases of academic dishonesty are reported to the Academic Dean.

Dates to Remember!

- Last day to enter a course without permission, and /or voluntary withdrawal from a course without financial penalty Sept. 19
- The last day to withdraw from courses or change to audit without academic penalty Nov. 21
- Society of Biblical Literature Conference (**No Class**) Nov. 21
- Last day to request revised time for a final examination Dec. 5
- Final Exam –TBA Dec 15-19
- Last day to apply for time extension for course work Dec. 19

Students are advised to retain this syllabus for their records.

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