**PJ 1011 (4 Credits): Biblical Hebrew I**

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Class meets on Mon-Thurs from 5-6pm.

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**Course Description:**

This course provides an introduction to biblical Hebrew. Students gain facility with pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar and syntax. Students will also begin to become familiar with translation, and the variety of tools available to them in this endeavor (such as dictionaries, concordances, …etc.).

**Requirements:**

1) Completion of all required reading and exercises prior to the day for which they are assigned.

2) Attend class and participate in classroom discussion and review of exercises. Students must also be active participants in practicing pronunciation of Hebrew, which we will do much in class. (And note: to get full credit for this portion of your grade you must regularly attend class!) Emersion is key to learning any new language.

3) Weekly Quizzes: Every Thursday we will begin our time with a quiz that will take approximately 10-15 minutes. If you must miss class this day, please notify me in order to reschedule to take the quiz on Monday. You can miss one quiz, once without penalty during the quarter (as long as you schedule a time to make up the quiz with me). If you are absent during a quiz any further times your quiz will automatically be docked one letter grade for each class time you fail to make up your quiz.

4) Midterm and Final: There will be two exams during the quarter. I will provide a detailed handout of my expectations for the two exams at least one week prior to the scheduled exam.

**Evaluation:**

Class participation (30%)

Completion of homework/exercises (30%)

Weekly quizzes (20%)

Mid-term (10%)

Final (10%)

**Required texts:**

Brown, Driver, and Briggs. *The Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon.*

Hendrickson, 1996.

Cook, John A., and Robert D. Holmstedt. *Beginning Biblical Hebrew: A Grammar and*

*Illustrated Reader*, 2013.

**Participation/Attendance Policy:** I expect students to attend class regularly, be prepared for class by completing the assigned readings for each class period, participate in class and group discussions, and complete assignments on-time. I expect students to notify me of any circumstances that would prohibit them from attending class via e-mail. Students will be responsible for acquiring notes/examples from any class missed from other students. The use of cell phones or any other electronic device is prohibited. Eating and drinking beverages is permitted as long as it is not disruptive to learning, in which case I may ask students in the course to refrain from eating during class.

**Statement Regarding the American Disabilities Act (ADA):** Iliff engages in a collaborative effort with students with disabilities to reasonablyaccommodate student needs. Students are encouraged to contact their assigned advisor to initiate the process of requesting accommodations. The advising center can be contacted at advising@iliff.edu or by phone at 303.765.1146.

**Weekly Rhythm:** Monday-Wednesday will be dedicated to learning Hebrew through practice in pronunciation, reviewing textbook material, supplementary lecture, working through exercises, and review. Every Thursday will begin with a quiz, followed by our usual procedure for the day.

**Course Calendar:**

**Week 1**

Sept 8th: No assignments (Overview course, syllabus, introduce textbook)

Sept 9th: Read pages 13-17, and 21-23 of BBH (Beginning Biblical Hebrew)

Sept 10th: Read pages 23-25 of BBH and complete all exercises on these pages

Sept 11th: Quiz 1 (Write Hebrew alphabet in order with phonetic spelling, including BeGaD KeFaT letters and letters that have final forms).

Read pages 26-28 of BBH and do all exercises except for p. 28, #2.

**Week 2**

Sept 15th: Read pages 29-30 of BBH and do all exercises.

Sept 16th: Read pages 31-33 of BBH and do all exercises p. 32, #1, and p. 33, #2.

Sept 17th: Read pages 34-35 of BBH and do all exercises.

Sept 18th: Quiz 2 (From vocab in BBH p. 29, 32, and 34, and translation exercises from p. 29-35, Hebrew to English only).

Read pages 36-37 of BBH and do all exercises.

**Week 3**

Sept 22nd: Read pages 38-40 of BBH and do all exercises except for the last exercise on page 40.

Sept 23rd: Read pages 41-43 of BBH and do all exercises except for the exercise on page 43.

Sept 24th: Read pages 44-47 of BBH and do all exercises except for the last exercise on page 45, and page 47.

Sept 25th: Quiz 3 (From vocab in BBH p. 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 44, and 46, and translation exercises from p. 37-46).

Review day (no new reading/exercises due today).

**Week 4:**

Sept 29th: Read pages 48-50 of BBH and do the first two exercises on p. 50.

Sept 30th: Read pages 51-52 of BBH and do the first exercise on p. 51-52. Then, read the Appendix D, pages a-44-49.

Oct 1st: Complete the exercises on pages r-10-r-11.

Oct 2nd: Quiz 4 (From vocab in BBH on p. 49, 51, r-10, r-11, and translation exercises from p. 50-52.

Complete the exercises on pages r-12-r-13 except for the last exercise on page r-13.

**Week 5:**

Oct 6th: Read pages 53-57 of BBH and do the exercises on pages 56-57 except for the last exercise on page 57.

Oct 7th: Read pages 58-59 of BBH and do the first exercise

Oct 8th: Review day (no new reading/exercises due today. Bring your questions!)

Oct 9th: MIDTERM (From any vocab and translation exercises due for weeks 1-5. You will also be required to provide a conjugation of the Qal perfect as it is written on p. 55).

**Week 6:**

Oct 13th: Read pages 60-61 of BBH and do the first two exercises on p. 61.

Oct 14th: Read page r-15-r-16 of BBH and translate. (It may be helpful to first look at the vocab chart on page r-16).

Oct 15th: Complete the exercises on pages r-16-17 of BBH.

Oct 16th: Quiz 5 (From vocab on p. 60 and r-16, and any sentences in the translation exercise on pages r-15-r-16).

Read pages 62-63 of BBH and do the first two exercises on p. 63.

**Week 7:**

Oct 20th: Read pages 64-65 of BBH and do the first exercise on p. 65.

Oct 21st: Read pages 66-67 of BBH and do the exercise on p. 67.

Oct 22nd: Read pages 68-70 of BBH and do the first exercise on p. 69-70.

Oct 23rd: Quiz 6 (From vocab on p. 62, 64, 67, and 69, and translation exercises from p. 62-70).

Translate pages r-20-r-21 of BBH.

**Week 8:**

Oct 27th: Complete the exercises on pages r-22-r-24 of BBH, except for the last exercise on p. r-22, and the last exercise on p. r-24.

Oct 28th: Read pages 71-72 of BBH and do the exercises on p. 72.

Oct 29th: Read pages 74-76 of BBH and do the first two exercises on pages 75-76.

Oct 30th: Quiz 7 (From vocab on p. 71, 74, 75, and r-21, and translation exercises from p. 71-76 and r-20-r-24).

Read pages 77-78 of BBH and do the first two exercises on page 78.

**Week 9:**

Nov 3rd: Read pages 79-80 of BBH and do the first exercises on pages 79-80.

Nov 4th: Complete the translation on p. r-25 of BBH (make sure to take a look at the vocab on r-26).

Nov 5th: Complete the exercises on pages r-26-r-27.

Nov 6th: Quiz 8 (From vocab on p. 77, 79, r-26, and translation exercises from p. 77-80, and r-25-27).

Read pages 81-82 of BBH and do the first exercise on pages 83-84.

**Week 10:**

Nov 10th: Read pages 85-86 and do the first two exercises on page 86-87.

Nov 11th: Read pages 88-89 of BBH and do the first two exercises on pages 89-90.

Nov 12th: Review day (bring your questions!)

Nov 13th: FINAL (From any vocab or translation exercises due for weeks 6-10. You will also be required to provide a presentation of the Qal imperfect as it is written on p. 81).