

## **TEOL 1102 Introduction to Biblical Hebrew**

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### **General Description**

This course aims to introduce theology students to the language in which about three quarters of God's Word was written. This objective implies a basic knowledge of Hebrew's morphological and syntactical building blocks. While mastery of these elements lies beyond the scope of an introduction, this course will equip students with powerful resources (lexicons, concordances, biblical dictionaries, and Verbum Bible Software). Not only will they glean spiritual and apostolic insights into biblical themes, but they will also complement their theological formation by learning to acquire a more intimate understanding of the revealed word.

### **Language of the Course**

English

### **Learning Outcomes (LO)**

1. Mastery of the Hebrew alphabet, phonetic rules, and 200 vocabulary words.
2. Exposure to the grammatical building blocks of the Hebrew language.
3. Memorization of a short *pensum* from the Hebrew Bible.
4. Personal compilation of Bible Word Essays.
5. Familiarity with tools and resources for biblical study (biblical dictionaries, etc.).

### **Methodology**

- Classes will be held weekly in two periods. During the first period, the professor will introduce the grammatical lesson of the day.
- In the second period, the professor will guide the students through a Bible Word Study.
- The students will assimilate the grammar lesson for homework each week. Throughout the semester, they will prepare several Bible Word Essays of their own.

### **Evaluation**

- The final written exam will evaluate the five aforementioned Learning Outcomes.

### **Class Schedule**

- Monday, 10:30 – 11:15 AM

### **Program and Calendar**

Lesson 1	Alphabet	<i>BBH 1</i>
Lesson 2	Vowels, Syllables	<i>BBH 2-3</i>
Lesson 3	Nouns	<i>BBH 4</i>
Lesson 4	Pronouns, Definite Article	<i>BBH 5</i>
Lesson 5	Qal Perfect, Verbal Sentences	<i>BBH 6-7</i>
Lesson 6	Direct Object, Negation, Prepositions	<i>BBH 7, 9</i>
Lesson 7	Waw Conjunction, Adjectives	<i>BBH 10</i>
Lesson 8	Qal Imperfect	<i>BBH 11</i>
Lesson 9	Construct State	<i>BBH 12</i>
Lesson 10	Construct State	<i>BBH 13</i>
Lesson 11	Pronominal Suffixes	<i>BBH 16</i>
Lesson 12	Pronominal Suffixes	<i>BBH 19</i>

### **Allocation of Study Time**

100 hours (4 ECTS) should be distributed as follows:

~18 hours of class time	(1.5 hrs x 12 weeks)
~36 hours of memorization of <i>pensum</i> , vocabulary, and grammar	(3 hrs x 12 weeks)
~36 hours of Bible Word Studies	(3 hrs x 12 weeks)
~10 hours of preparation for the final exam	(during exam prep)

### **Office Hours**

By appointment: [andrew.dalton@upra.org](mailto:andrew.dalton@upra.org)

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