



OT 504A: Introduction to Hebrew C

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Online Course Syllabus

Course Description

Introduction to Hebrew C is a thirteen-week, two-credit-hour course that introduces students to the fundamentals of Old Testament Hebrew vocabulary, grammar, and syntax. The course is designed to follow *Introduction to Hebrew A* and *B* in the succeeding semester. Together, these three courses form a unit that lays the foundation for basic translational and exegetical work using the Hebrew Old Testament. In preparation for the course exams, students will progress through a series of weekly lectures, textbook readings, review quizzes, and workbook exercises that lay the foundation of content.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be equipped to continue their study of biblical Hebrew, having obtained an essential understanding of the elements of Hebrew vocabulary, grammar, and syntax as covered in the course textbook. Specifically, in this third course they will gain an understanding of:

- A foundational Hebrew vocabulary that includes the forms and meanings of 103 additional frequently used words;
- The meaning and formation of the Hebrew Derived Stems: Piel, Pual, Hiphil, Hophal, and Hithpael, for both strong and weak verbs;
- An introduction to the *Biblical Hebraic Stuttgartensia* (BHS).

Online Course Format

Modules: You have up to fifteen weeks to complete this online course. The course is divided into thirteen modules, designed to be completed in order over the course of 13-14 weeks. To see a detailed outline of the structure, click the "Modules" link on the left side of the Canvas main page. Assignments, quizzes, and exams for the course will be completed online using the Canvas Learning Management System.

Conferences: Your course instructor will want to meet with you at least monthly using the conferencing capabilities of Canvas. Contact your instructor about setting up a conference within the first couple of weeks of the course.

Mentor: As you proceed through this course, you will need to obtain the services of a course mentor who will meet with you on a monthly basis to interact with you regarding your studies and to proctor the course exams. (The quizzes may be taken without supervision.) Ideally, your course mentor will be a pastor, youth pastor, or other spiritual authority in your church who can guide and counsel you as you pursue biblical and theological training. In the course materials there is a mentor agreement form that your mentor will need to sign and return to New Geneva Seminary before you begin the course.

Required Textbooks

Pratico, Gary D. and Miles V. Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew: Grammar*. 2nd edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2007.

_____. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew: Workbook*. 2nd edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2007.

Recommended Resources

Donald R. Vance, George Athas, and Yael Avrahami, editors. *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia: A Reader's Edition*. German Bible Society, 2015.

Holladay, William L. *A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1971.

Course Format

Two-hour weekly class sessions will be held remotely using the Zoom conferencing program. These will consist of a review of the course contents and practice in reading and translation of the workbook assignments. Assignments, quizzes, and exams for the course will be completed online using the Canvas Learning Management System.

Course Requirements

- Complete 11 weekly review quizzes covering each week's unit of study;
- Complete 12 workbook assignments;
- Complete two examinations;
- Recite Genesis 1:6-8 in Hebrew from memory.

Review Quizzes (30%)

Review quizzes covering each chapter of the Pratico-Van Pelt (PVP) text as covered in class will serve to prepare the student for each exam. Each review quiz is worth ten points and may be taken a second time, with the highest score being recorded.

Examinations (50%)

There are two examinations for the course that cumulatively constitute fifty percent of the final grade. The exams cover vocabulary, word identification (parsing and/or translation), grammatical content, translation, and exegesis. While the translation and exegesis portions of the exams are of necessity cumulative, each exam will focus on the paradigms and grammatical rules presented since the previous exam. All exams for this course are to be taken online in the Canvas Learning Management System (LMS).

Assignments

Weekly assignments involve translation and parsing and are uploaded in Canvas. See the course calendar below.

Hebrew C Course Calendar

Lesson	Reading	Workbook Assignments
1	Ch. 26: <i>Piel Stem–Strong Verbs</i>	Exercise 26: Parsing - #2, 6, 10, 14, 18; Translation - #2, 6, 10, 14; Bible Translation - #8, 10, 12
2	Ch. 27: <i>Piel Stem–Weak Verbs</i>	Exercise 27a: Parsing - #10, 14, 18; Bible Translation - #6, 8 Exercise 27b: Parsing - #10, 14, 18; Bible Translation - #10, 12
3	Ch. 28: <i>Pual Stem–Strong Verbs</i>	Exercise 28: Parsing - #2, 6, 10, 14; Translation - #4, 6; Bible Translation - #2, 4, 6
4	Ch. 29: <i>Pual Stem–Weak Verbs</i>	Exercise 29a: Parsing - #2, 12, 22; Bible Translation - #4, 6 Exercise 29b: Parsing - #2, 8, 20; Bible Translation - #2, 4
5	Ch. 30: <i>Hiphil Stem–Strong Verbs</i>	Exercise 30: Parsing - #2, 10, 18, 26, 34; Translation - #10, 14, 18; Bible Translation - #12, 16, 20
6	Ch. 31: <i>Hiphil Stem–Weak Verbs</i>	Exercise 31: Parsing, Part 1 - #2, 10, 18; Parsing, Part 2: #2, 10, 18; Bible Translation - #8, 10, 12
7	Ch. 32: <i>Hophal Stem–Strong Verbs</i>	Exercise 32: Parsing - #2, 8, 14, 20, 26; Bible Translation - #2, verses 1-3 only.
8	Ch. 33: <i>Hophal Stem – Weak Verbs</i>	Exercise 33: Parsing, Part 1 - #2, 8, 14, 20; Parsing, Part 2: #2, 8, 14, 20; Bible Translation - #10, 16, 18
9	Ch. 34: <i>Hithpael Stem–Strong Verbs</i>	Exercise 34: Parsing - #6, 10, 14, 18, 22; Bible Translation - #10, verses 9-12 only.
10	Ch. 35: <i>Hithpael Stem–Weak Verbs</i>	Exercise 35: Parsing - #10, 14, 18, 22, 26; Bible Translation - #13.
11	Ch. 36: <i>Intro. to the Hebrew Bible</i>	Annotated Translation (pp. 287-304): Translate Gen. 37:5-8; Type out and parse the listed verbs in these verses. Read the grammatical commentary for these verses and revise your translation and parsing as needed.