

HEBREW (HB)

HB 2401 Hebrew 1 (3 credit hours)

An introduction to the fundamentals of biblical Hebrew. Major emphasis is on the assimilation of basic grammatical forms and vocabulary. Students will translate selected texts from the Hebrew Old Testament and be introduced to exegetical methodology.

HB 2402 Hebrew 2 (3 credit hours)

A continuation of Hebrew 1. An introduction to the fundamentals of biblical Hebrew. Major emphasis is on the assimilation of basic grammatical forms and vocabulary. Students will translate selected texts from the Hebrew Old Testament and be introduced to exegetical methodology.

Prerequisite(s): HB 2401

HB 5195 Middle Egyptian (3 credit hours)

This course is an in-depth examination of the classical stage of the ancient hieroglyphic language known as Middle Egyptian. The course places the language in its historical context as the literary language of ancient Egypt that came to prominence during the period of the Israelite captivity. HB 5401 and HB 5402 are prerequisites for HB 5195.

HB 5401 Hebrew Grammar 1 (3 credit hours)

An introduction to the fundamentals of biblical Hebrew. Major emphasis is on the assimilation of basic grammatical forms and vocabulary. Students will translate selected texts from the Hebrew Old Testament and be introduced to exegetical methodology. HB 5401 is a prerequisite for HB 5402.

HB 5402 Hebrew Grammar 2 (3 credit hours)

An introduction to the fundamentals of biblical Hebrew. Major emphasis is on the assimilation of basic grammatical forms and vocabulary. Students will translate selected texts from the Hebrew Old Testament and be introduced to exegetical methodology. HB 5401 is a prerequisite for HB 5402.

HB 5404 Hebrew Exegesis (3 credit hours)

In this course students will translate various passages from the Hebrew Old Testament and learn basic principles of Hebrew exegesis. HB 5401 and HB 5402 are prerequisites for this course.

HB 5411 Reading from the Hebrew Bible (3 credit hours)

An advanced Hebrew program designed to prepare the student for thorough exegesis of the Hebrew Old Testament. Selected passages and/or books are assigned to enhance the ability for accurate translation and interpretation. Consultation of the best critical and exegetical literature is included. HB 5401 and HB 5402 are prerequisites for this course.

HB 5425 Biblical Aramaic (3 credit hours)

An introduction to the grammar, vocabulary, syntax, and linguistic peculiarities of biblical Aramaic. The student studies selected verses from the Aramaic portions of the books of Daniel and Ezra. Other Aramaic texts related to the Bible are studied as time permits. HB 5401 and HB 5402 are prerequisites for this course.

HB 9221 A History of the Hebrew Language (4 credit hours)

A survey of the various periods of the Hebrew language including: pre-exilic Hebrew inscriptions, biblical Hebrew and later traditions (Palestinian, Babylonian, and Tiberian), and later developments in Hebrew (postexilic influence of Aramaic, Samaritan Hebrew, Rabbinic Hebrew, Medieval Hebrew, and a brief excursus on Modern Hebrew).

HB 9230 Advanced Hebrew Studies (4 credit hours)

An advanced Hebrew program for study of the biblical text and the extensive body of literature pertaining to the language. The seminar will consist primarily of readings from selected passages from the Hebrew Bible with attention to grammar, syntax, lexicography, textual criticism, the Masoretic tradition, and exegesis. Related topics, such as the history of the language and modern methods for teaching biblical Hebrew, will be examined.

HB 9281 An Introduction to Old Testament Languages and Literature (4 credit hours)

An introduction to the background languages of the Hebrew Bible, including Phoenician, Ugaritic, and Akkadian. Examples are given to demonstrate how knowledge of such languages helps in the translation of the Hebrew Bible and with Old Testament interpretation.