

Polis – The Jerusalem Institute of Languages and Humanities

COURSE	
Biblical Hebrew II	
ACADEMIC YEAR	SEMESTER
2021-2022	Fall / Spring
ECTS	TEACHING HOURS
10	100 Academic Hours [1 acad. hour = 45 min]
INSTRUCTOR	
Eyal NAHUM or Oobie Weinberg	
PREREQUISITES	
Biblical Hebrew I	
OBJECTIVE	
<p>Further assimilation of the morphology and vocabulary of the language. By the end of the second semester some 800 vocabulary items (of the most frequent ones in the corpus) will have been imbued.</p> <p>In addition, a focus on some important syntactic principles of Biblical Hebrew will be put (word order, use of verbal forms, syntactic constructs, etc.).</p>	
METHODOLOGY	
Full immersion in the language, using TPR, Storytelling and the Ulpan method.	
MODE OF ASSESSMENT	
<p>30% final exam 40% average of four exams to be held throughout the semester, at the end of each chapter in the book 10% oral assignment (optional*) 10% Homework 10% Attendance & participation</p> <p>* in case this component is not included in the course, its relative weight will be divided equally between that of the final exam and lesser ones.</p>	
PROGRAM	

Chapters 7-11 of the textbook *מִבְּרֵאשִׁית*, that include:

- The Qatal form of the verb (cont.)
- waYiqtol
- The gerund (לְ+infinitive construct)
- Nominal possessive suffixes, singular and plural
- Segolated nouns
- Conjugation of the prepositions בְּ and אֶת and of the particles אֵין and הִנֵּה
- Introduction to the accent system

BIBLIOGRAPHY

מִבְּרֵאשִׁית (Mi-Bereshit), Biblical Hebrew for Beginners, written by Eyal Nahum (textbook)

NOT part of the course's requirements, but recommended to any student wishing to further delve into Biblical Hebrew grammar by his/her own:

Grammar:

- (1) Jouon-Muraoka, A Grammar of Biblical Hebrew, 2006
- (2) Paul Joüon, Grammaire de l'hébreu biblique, 1965 (=the original, in French)
- (3) Friedrich Heinrich Wilhelm Gesenius, Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar, 1990.

Dictionaries:

- (1) The Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon (=the best one)
- (2) Gesenius' Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon to the Old Testament Scriptures (older, but also one of the best and easily accessible on the web):

<http://www.tyndalearchive.com/tabs/Gesenius/>