

**Polis – The Jerusalem Institute of Languages and Humanities**

<b>COURSE</b>	
Biblical Hebrew Readings	
<b>ACADEMIC YEAR</b>	<b>SEMESTER</b>
2021-2022	Spring
<b>ECTS</b>	<b>TEACHING HOURS</b>
3	30 Academic Hours [1 acad. hour = 45 min]
<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>	
Eyal NAHUM	
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	
<p>Reading chapters from the Hebrew Bible in their original language (without translations), from various periods and in various genres, which include narrative, law, prophecy, and poetry.</p> <p>During the process, the students will have the opportunity to implement what they have learned in class on the original texts. In addition, some key principles of Biblical Hebrew philology and textual phenomena will be learned and discussed, as well as constant comparisons made between different versions found in the Masoretic and the Septuagint texts.</p> <p>Inter-textuality will be another focus of the course, with texts corresponding to each other within the Biblical corpus and comparisons between them.</p> <p>Knowledge of Ancient Greek as recommended but not mandatory.</p>	
<b>METHODOLOGY</b>	
<p>Full immersion. The texts will be read and discussed in their original language (in addition to some occasional comparisons with the Greek parallel texts, see above).</p> <p>Students will have to prepare the vocabulary for each session ahead and be tested on it in the beginning thereof.</p>	
<b>MODE OF ASSESSMENT</b>	
<p>30% vocabulary quizzes to be held at the beginning of each class.</p> <p>70% final oral exam which will include the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reciting a poetic or prophetic excerpt chosen by the student (20%)</li> <li>- Orally discussing with the teacher two chapters chosen by the student (50%)</li> </ul>	
<b>PROGRAM</b>	
<p>Chapters will be read from the Hebrew Bible in ascending order of difficulty from the following books: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy, Samuel, Kings, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Psalms, Esther.</p>	
<b>BIBLIOGRAPHY</b>	

