

Polis – The Jerusalem Institute of Languages and Humanities

COURSE	
Coptic I & II	
ACADEMIC YEAR	SEMESTER
2021-2022	Spring
TEACHING HOURS	
60 academic hours (1 ac. h. = 45 min.)	
INSTRUCTOR	
Halely Harel	
OBJECTIVE	
This course will enable the student to perform basic conversation in Bohairic Coptic, develop the ability to read source texts in Coptic, and to have an introductory overview of Coptic morphology and grammar.	
METHODOLOGY	
The course is taught in full immersion, through the Polis Method, in which the language is taught in a living way and instruction of grammar and morphology is implicit. Each class includes activities in which all students take part, and interactive group assignments.	
MODE OF ASSESSMENT	
The final grade will be calculated as follows: 50% exam 30% assignments throughout the semester 20% Participation and attendance	
PROGRAM	
The classes will include active participation of the students. We will learn how to speak, read, and write. 1/ Studying imperatives. TPR. 2/ Greetings – articles and basic vocabulary. 3/ The classroom – alphabet, pronunciation and nominal sentence I. 4/ Directions - Learning deictic particles and preposition use. 5/ My house - Possessive pronouns, nominal sentence II. 6/ The classroom – QA – Durative sentence patterns. 7/ Storytelling I – Non-durative conjugation patterns 8/ Future tenses and conditionals 9/ Reading, listening and re-telling.	
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