

HEBREW 3

1OT 506 – Hebrew Exegesis – Fall 2018
Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course, we will (1) continue to study Biblical Hebrew morphology, grammar, and syntax; (2) continue to acquire new Hebrew vocabulary; and (3) learn how to use Hebrew to study the Old Testament – the science of Hebrew Exegesis! Prerequisites: Hebrew 1 and Hebrew 2.

COURSE PROTOCOLS

1. **Grading Schedule.** The letter grading scale is stipulated by the institutional catalogue and is summarized below.

97-100%	A	80-82%	C
94-96%	A-	78-79%	C-
91-93%	B+	75-77%	D+
88-90%	B	72-74%	D
86-87%	B-	70-71%	D-
83-85%	C+	0-69%	F

2. **Attendance and Late Assignments.** Attendance is a requirement. Due to the nature of the course offering, unexcused absence is not permitted. Students are expected to be on time and prepared for each class session. Late assignments are docked one letter grade per day.
3. **Special Needs.** In order to ensure full class participation, any student with a disabling condition requiring special accommodations (e.g. tape recorders, special adaptive equipment, special note-taking or test-taking needs) is strongly encouraged to contact the professor at the beginning of the course.
4. **Electronics.** Computers, iPads, and cell phones are not permitted for use in class. Additionally, computers are not permitted for use with Hebrew translation assignments.
5. **Disclaimer.** This syllabus is intended to reflect accurately the learning objectives, instructional format and other information necessary for students to appraise the course. However, during the course of the term, the instructor reserves the right to modify any portion of this syllabus as may appear necessary because of events and circumstances that occur during the semester.

TEXTBOOKS

Hebrew Bible (BHS)

Brotzman, Ellis R. and Eric J. Tully. *Old Testament Textual Criticism: A Practical Introduction*. 2nd Edition. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2016.

Khan, Geoffrey. *A Short Introduction to the Tiberian Masoretic Bible and Its Reading Tradition*. Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press, 2014.

Köhler, L., W. Baumgartner, and J. Stamm. *The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*. Study Edition. 2 vols. Translated and edited by M.E.J. Richardson. Boston: E. J. Brill, 2001.

Soulen, Richard N. and R. Kendall Soulen. *Handbook of Biblical Criticism*. 3rd edition revised and expanded. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2001.

Stuart, Douglas. *Old Testament Exegesis*, 4th edition. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2009.

van Der Merwe, Christo, H., Jacobus A. Naude, and Jan Kroeze. *A Biblical Hebrew Reference Grammar*. 2nd Edition. London: Bloomsbury T & T Clark, 2017.

Van Pelt, Miles V. and Gary D. Pratico. *The Vocabulary Guide to Biblical Hebrew*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2003.

Van Pelt, Miles V. and Gary D. Pratico. *Biblical Hebrew Vocabulary in Context*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2019. (delivered in class)

Soulen, Richard N. and R. Kendall Soulen. *Handbook of Biblical Criticism*. 3rd edition revised and expanded. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2001.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. **Hebrew Translation.** We will read texts from *Biblical Hebrew Vocabulary in Context* and the book of Jonahs. Exams covering Hebrew translation, parsing, and grammatical analysis will constitute 50% of the final grade.
2. **Hebrew Vocabulary.** We will memorize all Hebrew words that occur 50 or more times in the OT. See the course schedule for details – 10% of final grade.
3. **Hebrew Exegesis.** There will be weekly readings and/or assignments due each week. Assignments will be handed out during the course of the semester – 40% of final grade.

COURSE SCHEDULE: TRANSLATION

August	28	Introduction and Syllabus
	30	BHVic 1-10; Vocabulary Exam 1 (VGBH 1-506)
September	4	BHVic 11-20
	6	BHVic 21-30; Vocabulary Exam 1 (VGBH 507-642)
	11	BHVic 31-40
	13	BHVic 41-50
	18	BHVic 51-60; BHVic Exam 1-50
	20	BHVic 61-70
	25	BHVic 71-80
	27	BHVic 81-90
October	2	BHVic 91-100 – Reading Week: No Class
	4	BHVic 101-110 – Reading Week: No Class (Read Khan)
	9	BHVic 111-120; BHVic Exam 51-100
	11	BHVic 121-130
	16	BHVic 131-140
	18	BHVic 141-150; BHVic Exam 100-150
	23	BHVic 151-160
	25	BHVic 161-170
November	30	BHVic 171-180
	1	BHVic 181-195
	6	BHVic Exam 151-195
	8	Jonah 1:1-8
	13	Jonah 1:9-16
	15	Jonah 2:1-11
	20	Thanksgiving Holiday: No Class
	22	Thanksgiving Holiday: No Class (Read Brotzman)
December	4	Exam: Jonah 1-4
	6	Hebrew Party!

Course Objectives Related to MDiv Student Learning Outcomes

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MDiv* Student Learning Outcomes		Rubric	Mini-Justification
<i>In order to measure the success of the MDiv curriculum, RTS has defined the following as the intended outcomes of the student learning process. Each course contributes to these overall outcomes.</i>		- Strong - Moderate - Minimal - None	
Articulation (oral & written)	Broadly understands and articulates knowledge, both oral and written, of essential biblical, theological, historical, and cultural/global information, including details, concepts, and frameworks.	Minimal	1. Learn English grammar while learning Hebrew grammar and Exegesis
Scripture	Significant knowledge of the original meaning of Scripture. Also, the concepts for and skill to research further into the original meaning of Scripture and to apply Scripture to a variety of modern circumstances. (Includes appropriate use of original languages and hermeneutics; and integrates theological, historical, and cultural/global perspectives.)	Strong	1. Working with Hebrew Grammar 2. Intro to exegetical skills 3. Translating Hebrew Bible
Reformed Theology	Significant knowledge of Reformed theology and practice, with emphasis on the Westminster Standards.	Minimal	1. Discuss the Reformed tradition's view of use of original languages
Sanctification	Demonstrates a love for the Triune God that aids the student's sanctification.	Moderate	1. Scripture memorization in class 2. Why else would someone study Hebrew
Desire for Worldview	Burning desire to conform all of life to the Word of God.	Minimal	1. Better skill with Scripture enhances ability to conform life to God's Word.
Winsomely Reformed	Embraces a winsomely Reformed ethos. (Includes an appropriate ecumenical spirit with other Christians, especially Evangelicals; a concern to present the Gospel in a God-honoring manner to non-Christians; and a truth-in-love attitude in disagreements.)	Minimal	1. Hebrew is winsome!
Preach	Ability to preach and teach the meaning of Scripture to both heart and mind with clarity and enthusiasm.	Minimal	1. Occasionally show exegetical and preaching angles while working on grammar 2. Hebrew grammar ultimately should affect sermon preparation
Worship	Knowledgeable of historic and modern Christian-worship forms; and ability to construct and skill to lead a worship service.	None	*Though all of life is worship. So, studying Hebrew is an act of worship!
Shepherd	Ability to shepherd the local congregation: aiding in spiritual maturity; promoting use of gifts and callings; and encouraging a concern for non-Christians, both in America and worldwide.	minimal	1. An increase in ability to read and interpret Scripture should promote shepherding.
Church/World	Ability to interact within a denominational context, within the broader worldwide church, and with significant public issues.	minimal	1. An increase in ability to read and interpret Scripture should promote better interaction with the world..