

HEBREW 51
The Hebrew of the Bible.
Winter 06 @10A. Glinert.

Description

This is an introduction to the language of the Hebrew Bible and to Biblical texts in the original.

This course serves as a requirement for students wishing to major in Hebrew language and literature.

Dist: LIT; WCult: NW.

Students are requested to familiarize themselves with the Hebrew alphabet and vowel points by the end of the first week of class (using any Hebrew textbook or on-line resource).

Syllabus

Week 1 Introduction: The relationship between Biblical and Modern Hebrew./What is the Biblical text?

Verbal inflection: tense and aspect

Readings from the Hebrew Bible.

Week 2 Nominal inflection: pronominal suffixation.

Readings from the Hebrew Bible (in the original).

Week 3 verbal inflection: the *binyan* system

Readings from the Hebrew Bible (in the original).

Week 4 syntax (I)

Readings from the Hebrew Bible (in the original).

Week 5 verbal inflection: weak roots.

Readings from the Hebrew Bible (in the original).

Week 6 Verbal inflection: mood and modals

Readings from the Hebrew Bible (in the original).

Using Bible concordances.

Week 7 Semantics of key Biblical words (I)

Readings from the Hebrew Bible (in the original)..

Week 8 Semantics of key Biblical words (II)

Readings from the Hebrew Bible (in the original).

Week 9 Literary features of the Hebrew Bible

Readings from the Hebrew Bible (in the original).

Bibliography

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Oxford, 1907

Koehler L and Baumgartner B. The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament.
Leiden: Brill. 1994-9

Even-Shoshan A. A New Concordance of the Bible. Jerusalem: Kiryat Sefer, 1977.

Assessment

Assignments in translation of Biblical passages, parsing and using Biblical works of reference: 70% of grade.

Final examination in translation of Biblical passages, parsing and using Biblical works of reference: 30%