

AL8011W Introduction to Biblical Hebrew

Offered: 2018: Semester 1

An introduction to biblical Hebrew, designed to provide a linguistic awareness of the language and the ability to use lexical aids. Students will develop a working knowledge of the language, covering essential grammar and vocabulary, in conjunction with the translation of simple Hebrew Bible texts.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Explain the basic elements of the grammar and vocabulary of biblical Hebrew
2. Use lexical aids and language resources in translating Hebrew texts
3. Translate simple texts from the Hebrew Bible
4. Translate words and simple sentences from English to biblical Hebrew

Prerequisites: Nil

Class time: Three hours per week

Assessment: Weekly Tests (equivalent to 3,000 words) (50%)
Final examination – 3.0 hours (50%)

Faculty: Megan Turton

Recommended Reading:

* = set texts recommended for purchase

Grammars:

*Kelley, Page H. *Biblical Hebrew: an Introductory Grammar*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992.

*Kelley, P. H., Terry L. Burden and Timothy G. Crawford. *A Handbook to Biblical Hebrew: an Introductory Grammar*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1994.

Dictionaries:

Brown, Frances, S. R. Driver and Charles A. Briggs. *A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1904

Clines, David J. A. (ed.). *The Dictionary of Classical Hebrew*. (2 vols) Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1993.

Holloday, William L. *A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*. Leiden: E J Brill, 1971.