

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Evangel University

BHE 530 Hebrew IA

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Tues and Thurs 11:00-12:30
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COURSE SYLLABUS

MISSION STATEMENTS

Evangel University is a comprehensive Christian university committed to excellence in educating and equipping students to become Spirit-empowered servants of God who impact the Church and society globally.

The Assemblies of God Theology Seminary exists to shape servant-leaders with the knowledge, skill and passion to revitalize the church and evangelize the world in the power of the Spirit.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The essentials of the Hebrew of the Old Testament with an emphasis on grammar. More than half of the basic grammar is covered in IA. This course along with IB will equip the student to begin to use the Hebrew language tools in exegesis of the Hebrew text.

OBJECTIVES

Upon the successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Explain the basic grammatical features of the Hebrew language and pronounce it on sight.
2. Translate simple Biblical sentences using a lexicon.

TEXTBOOKS

Required:

Pratico, Gary D., and Miles V. Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew: Grammar*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2014. ISBN: 978-0310520672 (or latest edition).

Recommended:

Holladay, William L. *A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1988. ISBN: 978-0-8028-3413-3

For information of textbook pricing, go to <http://www.bkstr.com/evangelstore/home>.

BASIC OUTLINE

<u>Class</u>		<u>Lessons in BBH</u>
1.	Thurs Aug 24	teach chap 1—the alphabet
2.	Tues 29	teach chaps 2 and 3
3.	Thurs 31	drill chaps 1-3
4.	Tues Sept 5	drill chaps 1-3
5.	Thurs 7	Quiz 1 over chaps 1-3; teach chaps 4 and 5
6.	Tues 12	drill chaps 4 and 5
7.	Thurs 14	QUIZ 2 over chaps 4-5; teach chap 6
8.	Tues 19	drill chap 6
9.	Thurs 21	QUIZ 3 over chap 6; teach 7
10.	Tues 26	drill chap 7 (Faith and Science Conference at EU)
11.	Thurs 28	Quiz 4 over chap 7; teach 8
12.	Tues Oct 3	drill chap 8
13.	Thurs 5	QUIZ 5 over chap 8; teach 9
14.	Tues 10	drill chap 9
15.	Thurs 12	QUIZ 6 over chap 9; teach 10
	Oct 16-20	STUDY WEEK No classes
16.	Tues 24	drill chap 10
17.	Thurs 26	QUIZ 7 over chap 10; teach 11
18.	Tues 31	Review chaps 1-11
19.	Thurs Nov 2	MID TERM EXAM over chaps 1-11
20.	Tues 7	teach and drill chaps 12 and 13
21.	Thurs 9	drill chap 13
22.	Tues 14	QUIZ 8 over chap 13; teach chap 15
23.	Thurs 16	drill chap 15
24.	Tues 21	QUIZ 9 over chap 15; teach stems in the strong verb chaps 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34
25.	Thurs 23	THANKSGIVING BREAK No class
26.	Tues 28	drill stems
27.	Thurs 30	QUIZ 10 over stems in the strong verb
28.	Tues Dec 5	review for final exam
29.	Thurs 7	FINAL EXAM over chaps 1-15(not 14) and stems in the strong verb

One class will be a chapel service, yet to be scheduled.

METHODOLOGY

Detailed, coverage of the lessons in the grammar book, with daily homework consisting mainly of study of the lessons and memorization of grammar and selected vocabulary. This will be practiced in class orally and then tested by quizzes and exams.

The professor will use both the Portal and Course Commons to provide the course handouts and other documents.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Class attendance is expected; maximum allowable absences is four (6) class periods. Please talk to the professor about your absences.

1. Be prepared each class to answer questions orally on the lessons including pronouncing the Hebrew.
2. Write the quizzes and exams on the scheduled dates.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

It is assumed that students at AGTS will endeavor to be honest and of high integrity in all matters pertaining to Seminary life. A lack of respect and integrity is evidenced by cheating, fabricating, plagiarizing, misusing facilities, removing books and other property not one's own, and disrupting classes.

Cheating is defined as "intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information or study aids in any academic exercise." It is assumed that whatever is submitted by a student is the work of that student and is new work for that course. Fabrication is "intentional and unauthorized falsification or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise or form." Plagiarism is "intentionally or knowingly representing the words or ideas of another as one's own in any academic exercise." One who facilitates any of the above is equally responsible with the primary violator.

Penalties may include restitution, an "F" on an individual paper, exam, or course; loss of campus employment; disciplinary probation; removal from extracurricular activities; and suspension. See *AGTS Student Handbook*.

THE USE OF COMPUTERS IN THE CLASSROOM

The use of computers for word processing in the classroom represents a privilege given to students to enhance their learning. They may only be used for purposes related to the course. It is therefore a breach of classroom etiquette, an act of rudeness, and a distraction to other students, when computers are also used to surf the web, watch videos, play games, and send messages,

etc., during class time. The professor assumes that seminarians will be persons of integrity when using computers in the classroom.

NON-DISCRIMINATORY LANGUAGE

Students should use non-discriminatory language in all written and spoken communication in this class. For specific guidelines, see the Student Handbook at:

http://www.agts.edu/community/student_handbook/2010studenthandbook.pdf

DISABILITY ACCOMODATION

As defined in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary at Evangel University is committed to the provision of reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. If AGTS students believe they qualify for accommodations, they should contact the AGTS Student Life Office, Room 218, telephone extension 8881.

GRADING PROCEDURE

Class participation and any homework		10%
Quizzes		25%
Exams	Mid Term	30%
	Final	35%

Late work may be credited for less than full credit at the professor's discretion.

Students should retain a copy of all work submitted, until they have received a grade for this work.

Students are expected to complete all course work in a timely fashion as specified in this syllabus. A grade of I (Incomplete) may be granted at the discretion of the professor for extenuating circumstances upon the presentation of the Incomplete Grade Request form: <http://www.agts.edu/academics/forms.html>. The approved Incomplete request will extend the due date for up to ninety days, may include a grade reduction, and will be assessed a grade change fee. Students may not register for courses in a new term if carrying more than two IP or I grades.

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SPECIFIC DATA

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