

Instructor

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Mondays: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM (CST)

Remote Live Zoom Course

Course Description

This course constitutes an introduction to the language of Biblical (Classical) Hebrew, including basic phonology, morphology, syntax, and vocabulary. 3 credit hours. Prerequisites: successful completion of Hebrew 1.

Course Protocols

1. **Grading Schedule.** The letter grading scale for this course is summarized below.

95-100%	A	83-85%	B
90-94%	A-	80-82%	B-
86-89%	B+	0-79%	F

2. **Attendance and Late Assignments.** Language acquisition can be a difficult task and requires constant vigilance in the beginning stages. Students are required to be ready and logged into the Zoom meeting by 12:59 PM. Generally, there are no make up quizzes. You may, however, take a quiz early if you need to miss a day. In the instance of a missed quiz, it is helpful to know that students will drop their lowest quiz during the term.
3. **Method of Instruction.** The emphasis in this class is student performance. Students must come to class each day prepared and ready to participate in the instructional process. This means that all of the assigned reading from the grammar and all of the assigned homework from the workbook must be completed by the beginning of the class period for which it is assigned. Failure to comply will inhibit acceptable performance and impede the benefit of the classroom experience for other students.
4. **Special Needs.** In order to ensure full class participation, any student with a disabling condition requiring special accommodations (e.g. voice recorders, special adaptive equipment) is strongly encouraged to contact the professor at the beginning of the course.
5. **Electronic Aids.** Because of the nature of the course, students will need a computer with internet access and a camera for the remote live Zoom meetings.
6. **Disclaimer.** This syllabus is intended to reflect the learning objectives, instructional format, and other information necessary for students to appraise the course. However, during the course of the semester, the instructor reserves the right to modify any portion of this syllabus as may appear necessary.

Course Requirements

1. **Homework.** Homework will be assigned each week from the course workbook. The homework is not graded or collected, but it is expected to be completed. The homework assignments in the course workbook are designed to drill you in the information that will appear on the weekly quizzes. Doing the homework will save your bacon!
2. **Quizzes.** There will be a quiz each week (except during scheduled exams). These quizzes will focus on the information learned during that week. However, due to the very nature of learning a language, quizzes are cumulative. There are no make-up quizzes, but the lowest quiz will be dropped. Total quiz scores constitute 60% of the term grade.
3. **Tests.** There will be three major examinations during the term (see schedule below). All exams are cumulative. Total exam scores constitute 40% of the term grade (Exam 1 = 15%; Exam 2 = 15%; Exam 3 = 10% of the total course grade).
4. **Class Attendance.** Attendance is required. Regular absence or chronic lateness to class will result in the reduction of the course grade.

Course Resources

Required Resources

Pratico, Gary D. and Miles V. Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew: Grammar*, 3rd edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2019.

Pratico, Gary D. and Miles V. Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew: Workbook*, 3rd edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2019.

Van Pelt, Miles V. and Gary D. Pratico. *Graded Reader of Biblical Hebrew: A Guide to Reading the Hebrew Bible*, 2nd edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2020.

Van Pelt, Miles V. and Gary D. Pratico. *The Vocabulary Guide to Biblical Hebrew and Aramaic*, 2nd edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2019.

Recommended Resources

Van Pelt, Miles V. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Video Lectures: A Complete Course for the Beginner*, 2nd edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2019.

Van Pelt, Miles V. and Gary D. Pratico. *Old Testament Hebrew Vocabulary Cards*, 2nd edition. Grand Rapids, Zondervan, 2019.

Van Pelt, Miles V. *English Grammar to Ace Biblical Hebrew*. Grand Rapids, Zondervan, 2010.

Van Pelt, Miles V. *Biblical Hebrew: A Compact Guide*, 2nd edition. Grand Rapids, Zondervan, 2019.

Spring 2026 Course Schedule

January	26	Introduction and Syllabus; Exam 1: BBH 1-22 ; Lecture BBH 23
February	2	Quiz BBH 23; Lecture BBH 24-25
	9	Quiz BBH 24-25; Lecture BBH 26-27
	16	Quiz BBH 26-27; Lecture BBH 28-29
	23	Quiz BBH 28-29; Lecture BBH 30-31
March	2	Quiz BBH 30-31; Lecture BBH 32-33
	9	Spring Break – No Class
	16	Quiz BBH 32-33; Lecture BBH 34-35
	23	Quiz BBH 34-35
	30	Exam 2: BBH 23-35
April	6	GRBH: Genesis 1:1–5; Genesis 2:1–3
	13	GRBH: Exodus 3:1–12; Deuteronomy 6:1–15
	20	GRBH: Isaiah 43:1–6; Jeremiah 31:31–34
	27	GRBH: Psalm 100:1–5; 2 Chron 1:7–10; 2 Chron 7:1–4
May	4	Exam 3: Hebrew Reader and Vocabulary (VGBHA 506–642)

Course Objectives Related to MDiv* Student Learning Outcomes

Course: Hebrew 2
 Professor: Miles Van Pelt
 Campus: Jackson (Remote Zoom)
 Date: Spring 2024

MDiv* Student Learning Outcomes		Rubric	Mini-Justification
<p><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. This rubric shows the contribution of this course to the MDiv outcomes.</i></p> <p><i>*As the MDiv is the core degree at RTS, the MDiv rubric will be used in this syllabus.</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. Also includes ability to preach and teach the meaning of Scripture to both heart and mind with clarity and enthusiasm.	Minimal	Provides a foundation for biblical and theological studies.
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	Learning Hebrew is a fundamental skill for understanding the original meaning of Scripture.
Reformed Theology	Significant knowledge of Reformed theology and practice, with emphasis on the Westminster Standards.	Minimal	WCF 1.8
Sanctification	Demonstrates a love for the Triune God that aids the student's sanctification.	Strong	Studying Hebrew is a way to demonstrate love for God.
Worldview	Burning desire to conform all of life to the Word of God. Includes ability to interact within a denominational context, within the broader worldwide church, and with significant public issues.	Moderate	Allows to the better application of Scripture to life.
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.)	None	
Pastoral Ministry	Ability to minister the Word of God to hearts and lives of both churched and unchurched, to include preaching, teaching, leading in worship, leading and shepherding the local congregation, aiding in spiritual maturity, concern for non-Christians.	Moderate	Fundamental tool for the pastor/teacher to rightly interpret and apply Scripture