

BS 1136
Biblical Hebrew II
Pacific School of Religion
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Mon.-Fri. 7/23/12-8/10/12 from 9:00am-1:00pm

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Learning outcomes: BS 1136 is the second of two three-week intensive courses in which students will work through an entire first-year Biblical Hebrew grammar, preparing them to enter an Intermediate Hebrew class upon completion of the course. Students who register for Biblical Hebrew II are expected to have completed Biblical Hebrew I or the equivalent. By the end of BS 1136 students will have acquired a command of the basic principles of Hebrew phonology, morphology and syntax. Students will be able to translate the text of the Hebrew Bible with the aid of lexicons and other grammatical resources.

Required Textbooks:

1. Allen P. Ross, Introducing Biblical Hebrew (Baker Academic, 2001).
2. F. Brown, S. Driver, and C. Briggs, The Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon (Hendrickson, 2005).
3. A. Alt et al., editors Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia (Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1997).

Class format: An intensive course such as this requires significant study time at home, in addition to the four hours spent in class each day. There will be daily quizzes and weekly exams. In addition to grammar review and exercises, a part of each class will be devoted to learning how to use exegetical tools such as lectionaries and the text of the Hebrew Bible; we will also read selections from the biblical text. Daily homework will consist of grammar review, written exercises and translation, and preparation for quizzes and exams.

Grading and evaluation: Daily quizzes 10 %, each exam 30 %.

Please be informed regarding PSR policies regarding such issues as ESL, technology use, plagiarism, etc. See <http://www.psr.edu/student-policies>.

Schedule (daily assignments to be announced each day in class):

Week 1 (July 23-27)

Monday	Ross 21	Passive participles; Disjunctive <i>vav</i>
Tuesday	Ross 22, 23	Infinitives
Wednesday	Ross 24	Pronominal suffixes on verbs
Thursday	Ross 25, 26	Numbers; Niphal
Friday	Ross 27	Piel; review for exam

Week 2 (July 30-August 3)

Monday	Ross 28	Exam on Ross 21-27; Pual
Tuesday	Ross 29, 30	Hitpael; Hiphil
Wednesday	Ross 31, 32	Hophal; Guttural verbs
Thursday	Ross 32, 34	More guttural verbs; I-Nun verbs
Friday	Ross 35	I-Yod verbs; review for exam

Week 3 (August 6-10)

Monday	Ross 36	Exam on Ross 28-34; III-Hey verbs
Tuesday	Ross 37	Doubly weak verbs
Wednesday	Ross 38	Hollow verbs
Thursday	Ross 39, 40	Geminates and minor stems
Friday		Review and final exam.