

**BS 1135**  
**Biblical Hebrew I**  
**Pacific School of Religion**  
**Summer 2012**

Mon.-Fri. 7/2/12-7/20/12 from 9:00am-1:00pm

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**Learning outcomes:** BS 1135 is the first 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. By the end of this first intensive course, students will have acquired a command of the Hebrew alphabet and pronunciation rules and will be exposed to some of the basic principles of Hebrew phonology and morphology. BS 1135 prepares the student to continue the study of Biblical Hebrew in BS 1136 or the equivalent second-semester class.

**Required Textbook:**

1. Allen P. Ross, Introducing Biblical Hebrew (Baker Academic, 2001).

**Class format:** An intensive course such as this requires significant study time at home, in addition to the four or five hours spent in class each day. There will be daily quizzes and weekly exams. Class time will include reading and pronunciation practice, grammar review, and practical exercises to reinforce the material. Daily homework will consist of grammar review, written exercises 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 2-6)**

Monday	Ross 1,2	Introducing the alphabet
Tuesday	Ross 3,4	Continuing with the alphabet and reading practice
Wednesday	July 4: no class	
Thursday	Ross 5,6	Continuing reading practice; the definite article

Friday            Ross 7,8            Introducing the noun

**Week 2 (July 9-13)**

Monday           Ross 9            Exam on alphabet and nouns; Adjectives

Tuesday          Ross 10, 11        Introducing the verb; Pronouns and Demonstratives

Wednesday       Ross 12            Construct nouns

Thursday         Ross 13,14        Pronominal Suffixes

Friday            Ross 15            More on pronominal suffixes, review for exam

**Week 3 (July 16-20)**

Monday           Ross 16            Exam on Ross 9-15; Participles

Tuesday          Ross 17            Imperfect

Wednesday       Ross 18, 19        Narrative sequences and stative verbs

Thursday         Ross 20            Volitives

Friday            Review and final exam