



**Biblical Hebrew I & II  
BS1135 and BS1136  
Pacific School of Religion  
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**BS1135** and **BS 1136** are two parts of a six-week intensive course in which students will work through an entire first-year Hebrew grammar book, preparing them to enter an Intermediate Hebrew class upon completion of the course. Students who plan to take the entire course should sign up for BS 1135 and BS 1136. Students who register for Biblical Hebrew II are expected to have completed Biblical Hebrew I. By the end of the two-part course, 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.

**BS1135** meets M-F, 7/6/09- 7/24/09, from 8:30am-12:30pm, at PSR.

**BS1136** meets M-F, 7/27/09-8/14/09, from 8:30am-12:30pm, at PSR.

**Required Textbooks:**

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

Note: BDB and BHS are required for the second part of the course (BS1136) only.

**Class format:** Needless to say, an intensive course such as this requires significant time studying at home, in addition to the four hours of class daily. There will be short quizzes daily, and an exam weekly. During the second part of the course, BS1136, 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 a selection from the biblical text during the last two weeks of the class.

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

**Week 1**

Monday	Ross 1,2	Introducing the alphabet
Tuesday	Ross 3,4	Continuing with the alphabet and reading practice
Wednesday	Ross 5,6	Continuing reading practice; the definite article
Thursday	Ross 7	Introducing the noun
Friday	Ross 8	More on the noun; review for exam

**Week 2**

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**

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 for BS1135

**Week 4**

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 5**

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 6**

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 for BS1136	

**Grading (for each course):** Daily quizzes 10 %, each exam 30 %.