



**Hebrew 1 OTHB5351-ONL**  
**New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary**  
**Division of Biblical Studies**  
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**Mission Statement**

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

**Course Description**

This course introduces the fundamentals of Biblical Hebrew including pronunciation, vocabulary, verbs, nouns, other parts of speech, and elements of syntax.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

A. Knowledge

Students who complete this course will:

- *Learn* basic grammatical forms and functions of biblical Hebrew
- *Understand* the basic syntax of Hebrew narrative texts
- *Master* a basic vocabulary of biblical Hebrew
- *Acquire* an adequate foundation for further study of biblical Hebrew

B. Attitude

Students who complete this course will:

- *Recognize* the value of reading from the Hebrew for interpreting the Old Testament
- *Achieve* a growing appreciation for the richness of the Old Testament language
- *Embrace* the discipline of Hebrew language study as a part of an ongoing commitment to excellence in ministry

C. Skills

Students who complete this course will:

- *Read* biblical Hebrew properly (using proper pronunciation)
- *Translate* from representative Hebrew narrative texts
- *Apply* basic grammatical and syntactical elements of basic Hebrew narrative texts
- *Utilize* a basic lexicon, an introductory grammar, and other selected resources as effective tools for translating and interpreting biblical Hebrew texts

**Textbooks**

Required:

- Elliger, K. and W. Rudolph, eds. *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*
- Fullilove, William. *Introduction to Hebrew*. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R, 2017.
- A Hebrew dictionary or lexicon selected from the list below:
  - Clines, David, ed. *A Concise Dictionary of Classical Hebrew*. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix, 2009.
  - Koehler, L., and W. Baumgartner. *The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament (HALOT)*.
  - Holladay, William. *A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*.

Optional:

- Long, Gary V. *Grammatical Concepts 101 for Biblical Hebrew*. 2d ed. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2013.
- Van Pelt, Miles, and Gary Pratico. *Charts of Biblical Hebrew*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2007.

### Course Teaching Methodology

The course will involve the following methodologies:

- Lectures (via video) on essential grammatical aspects of biblical Hebrew.
- Reading and translating of basic Hebrew narrative texts.
- Writing/Typing Hebrew.

### Course Requirements

1. Vocabulary and Grammar Quizzes (20%) - Students will complete weekly vocabulary quizzes throughout the semester. *Vocabulary quizzes may not be taken after the due date unless prior approval has been granted by the professor.*
2. Weekly "Homework" Exercises (20%) - Students will be required to complete weekly assignments essential to successful acquisition of knowledge in biblical Hebrew. These assignments will come primarily from the textbook for this course but students may also be given handouts to complete and passages to translate from their copy of *BHS*.
3. Exams (60%) - Students will complete three exams in this course; the first two "sectional" exams are worth 15% of the final grade each. The final comprehensive exam is worth 30% of the final grade. As with quizzes, *exams may not be taken after the due date unless prior approval has been granted by the professor.*

### Evaluation of Grade

The student's grade will be computed as follows:

Vocabulary/Grammar Quizzes	20%
Weekly "Homework" Exercises	20%
Exams	60%

### Attendance Policy

Students are expected to engage regularly with course content through Canvas as well other course delivery methods. Students who fail to participate consistently in course activities may receive a grade of "F" for the course.

### Technical Assistance

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. [Selfserve@nobts.edu](mailto:Selfserve@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the [Selfserve.nobts.edu](http://Selfserve.nobts.edu) site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. [Canvas.NOBTS.com](http://Canvas.NOBTS.com) Click on the "Help" button for technical questions/support requests regarding the NOBTS Canvas System. You can also email questions to [Canvas@nobts.edu](mailto:Canvas@nobts.edu).
3. [ITCSupport@nobts.edu](mailto:ITCSupport@nobts.edu) - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. [www.NOBTS.edu/itc/](http://www.NOBTS.edu/itc/) - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

### Late Work Policy

Assignments submitted after the due date will be assessed a penalty of **10 pts/day** after the due date. Reading quizzes and exams *will not* be available after the due date and students will not be able to take quizzes and exams late unless they have received approval from the professor

prior to the due date. Any late work not submitted by the date of the final exam (**December 7**) will not be accepted and will be assessed a grade of 0.

### Help for Writing Papers at “The Write Stuff”

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help in becoming a better writer. A copy of the approved NOBTS Style Guide can be found in the course Canvas shell, or can be located online at the Writing Center’s page on the seminary website at: <https://www.nobts.edu/resources/pdf/writing/StyleGuide.pdf>

### Plagiarism on Written Assignments

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism. Please be aware that, while there are no research papers in this introductory language class, submitting a published version of the Bible as your own "translation" is also plagiarism and doing so will result in the same penalties as plagiarizing a research paper.

### Course Schedule

Unit	Course Content	Assignments	Due Date
1	Learning to Speak, Parts 1-2 Adjectives	Weekly Exercises Vocabulary Quiz	Aug 21
2	Qal Perfect Verb	Weekly Exercises Vocabulary Quiz	Aug 28
3	Basic Nouns; The Definite Article Qal Imperfect Verb	Weekly Exercises Vocabulary Quiz	Sept 4
4	Qal Imperfect Verb	Weekly Exercises Vocabulary Quiz <b>Exam 1</b>	Sept 11
5	Nouns; Prefixed Prepositions Qal Volitives	Weekly Exercises Vocabulary Quiz	Sept 18
6	Particles Independent Personal Pronouns; Participles	Weekly Exercises Vocabulary Quiz	Sept 25
7	Construct Phrases Suffixed Pronouns	Weekly Exercises Vocabulary Quiz	Oct 2
<b>Fall Break (Oct 3-7) No Class</b>			
8	Qal Narrative and Converted Perfect	Weekly Exercises Vocabulary Quiz	Oct 16
9	Qal Infinitives; Demonstratives	Weekly Exercises Vocabulary Quiz <b>Exam 2</b>	Oct 23
10	Piel Verb Stem Pual Verb Stem	Weekly Exercises Vocabulary Quiz	Oct 30
11	Hiphil Verb Stem Hophal Verb Stem	Weekly Exercises Vocabulary Quiz	Nov 6
12	Numbers and Counting Niphal Verb Stem	Weekly Exercises Vocabulary Quiz	Nov 13
13	Hithpael Verb Stem Pronominal Suffixes on Verbs	Weekly Exercises Vocabulary Quiz	Nov 20
<b>Thanksgiving Break (Nov 21-25) No Class</b>			
14	Genesis Reading	Weekly Exercises Vocabulary Quiz	Dec 4
15	Final Exam Week	<b>Final Exam</b>	Dec 7

**No assignments will be accepted after the Final Exam date. Any late assignments not submitted by December 7 will receive an automatic 0.**

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