



The University of Manchester

School of
Languages & Cultures, Faculty of Humanities
Course Unit Descriptor



Arts,

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Credit Rating	10
Course Unit Title	Basic Hebrew
Unit Code	110 (8110 Distance learning version)
Unit Level	1
Contact Hours	44 (4 hours per week in one semester; n/a for Distance learning version)
FHEQ Level	4
Teaching Period	Flexible delivery
Teaching Staff	Dr Zoltán Schwáb
ECTS	5

EXTERNAL FACING COURSE UNIT OVERVIEW

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AIMS

To introduce the preliminary aspects of Hebrew grammar and to enable students to read and translate simple passages from the Hebrew Bible

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Knowledge and Understanding

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of basic grammar and syntax of Biblical Hebrew

Intellectual Skills

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- Translate straightforward Old Testament passages into contemporary English with the help of appropriate study aids

Practical Skills

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- Apply their understanding of Hebrew grammar and translation to basic exegesis and interpretation

Transferable Skills and Personal Qualities

By the end of this unit students will be able to:

- Prioritise learning tasks and plan their work independently
- (110 only) Work together in a small group

Employability Skills

Students will be able to demonstrate to future employers an ability to apply themselves to the discipline of language study and translation work.

SYLLABUS

- 1.i consonants; 1.ii vowels; *shewa*
- 2.i inseparable prepositions; 2.ii *daghes lene/forte*; definite article; syllables; vocabulary
- 3.i nouns; 3.ii adjectives
- 4.i perfect verb; 4.ii consolidation
- 5.i class test; consolidation: reading Hebrew
- 5.ii personal pronouns; demonstratives; construct forms
- 6.i pronominal suffixes; 6.ii active participle; object pronouns
- 7.i imperfect tense; directive *he*; *asher*
- 7.ii consecutive
- 8.i statives; imperatives; cohortative; jussive;
- 8.ii consolidation; revision
- 9.i class test; verbal suffixes; derived forms; 9.ii reading Genesis 1
- 10.i reading Exodus 20; 10.ii reading Deuteronomy 5
- 11.i reading Psalm 100/ Exodus 3; 11.ii consolidation and revision

TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS

- 110: Small seminar group
- 8110: Distance learning
- Unit materials are available at Spurgeon's *Online* to support student learning

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Assessment task	Length	Weighting within unit
Formative:		
• 110: 5 in-class written tests	12 minutes each	n/a
• 8110: 2 written tests	1 hour each	
Summative:		
• 110: 5 in-class written tests	12 minutes each	50%
• 110: An unseen examination	1 hours	50%
• 8110: 1 written test	2 hours	100%

FEEDBACK METHODS

- 110: Oral feedback in class
- 8110: Written feedback on formative and summative written submissions within 15 working days

REQUISITES

Available on which programme(s)?	BA in Theology
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Available as Free Choice (UG) or to other programmes (PG)?	Available as Free Choice (UG)
Pre-requisite units	n/a
Co-requisite units	n/a

RECOMMENDED READING

- Kautzsch, E. (ed.), *Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar and Davidson's Hebrew Syntax*, Gorgias Historical Grammars 10 (New Jersey: Gorgias Press, 2008)
[\[https://www.perlego.com/book/1163056/gesenius-hebrew-grammar-and-davidsons-hebrew-syntax-pdf?queryID=ac0e27fa5b8879aeec448b1d4aeaa2d&searchIndexType=books\]](https://www.perlego.com/book/1163056/gesenius-hebrew-grammar-and-davidsons-hebrew-syntax-pdf?queryID=ac0e27fa5b8879aeec448b1d4aeaa2d&searchIndexType=books)
- Ross, Allen P., *Introducing Biblical Hebrew* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2001)
- Van der Merwe, Christo, Jacobus A. Naude, *A Biblical Hebrew Reference Grammar*, 2nd ed. (London: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2017)
[\[https://www.perlego.com/book/804298/a-biblical-hebrew-reference-grammar-second-edition-pdf?queryID=243a9d0569b3b87df84a69918b8950b7&searchIndexType=books\]](https://www.perlego.com/book/804298/a-biblical-hebrew-reference-grammar-second-edition-pdf?queryID=243a9d0569b3b87df84a69918b8950b7&searchIndexType=books)
- Van Pelt, Miles V., Gary D. Pratico, *Charts of Biblical Hebrew* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2019) [\[https://www.perlego.com/book/866660/charts-of-biblical-hebrew-pdf?queryID=c485a6298ccabdf982b022590a1a909&searchIndexType=books\]](https://www.perlego.com/book/866660/charts-of-biblical-hebrew-pdf?queryID=c485a6298ccabdf982b022590a1a909&searchIndexType=books)

On-line resource:

Hebrew Bible Audio Book: <https://www.mechon-mamre.org/p/pt/ptmp3prq.htm>

Ross's grammar explained (chapter by chapter youtube videos):

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLG00vqmarZJr4M3xYQn19H8AS9gM2qWGI>

SCHEDULED ACTIVITY HOURS

44 contact hours (n/a for distance learning version)

PLACEMENT HOURS

n/a

INDEPENDENT STUDY HOURS

56 hours (150 independent guided study hours for distance learning students)

ADDITIONAL NOTES

APPROVAL

Date approved by UGC

Valid from Date (Publishing Date)