



The University of Manchester



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

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Credit Rating	10
Course Unit Title	Basic Hebrew
Unit Code	110
Unit Level	1
Contact Hours	44 (4 hours per week in one semester)
FHEQ Level	4
Teaching Period	Flexible delivery
Teaching Staff	Dr Chris Voke
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
- 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 *daghesh 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

Small seminar group

Unit materials are available at Spurgeon's *Online* to support student learning

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Assessment task	Length	Weighting within unit
Formative: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 class tests	45 minutes each	n/a
Summative: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An unseen examination	2 hours	100%

FEEDBACK METHODS

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

REQUISITES

Available on which programme(s)?	BA in Theology
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

Cook, John and Robert Holmstedt, *Beginning Biblical Hebrew: A Grammar and Illustrated Reader* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2013)
Landes, G.M., *Building your Biblical Hebrew Vocabulary* (Atlanta: SBL, 2001)
Ross, Allen P., *Introducing Biblical Hebrew* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2001)
Wegner, Paul D., *Using Biblical Hebrew in Ministry: A Practical Guide for Students and Pastors* (Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2009)
The Holy Scriptures in the Original Languages (London: Trinitarian Bible Society, 1998)

SCHEDULED ACTIVITY HOURS

44 contact hours

PLACEMENT HOURS

n/a

INDEPENDENT STUDY HOURS

56 hours

ADDITIONAL NOTES

APPROVAL

Date approved by UGC	
Valid from Date (Publishing Date)	