

BS/BL611 Introduction to Hebrew I

Instructor	Fr. Paul Maillet
Schedule	Mondays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm & Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Description	After learning the Hebrew alphabet and pronunciation together, the class proceeds with translating very simple phrases from the <i>Tanakh</i> (i.e., the Hebrew Bible or Old Testament). By memorizing vocabulary and inductively learning how the language works through the highly effective, user-friendly textbook, the class learns how to translate Biblical verses, starting with two- or three-word phrases and increasing very gradually in length and difficulty. By the end of one semester, the student will be reading parts of familiar Bible stories (e.g., Genesis 22) with the help of notes in the textbook. The students will be graded for the course based on weekly quizzes on 10-15 vocabulary words (making flash cards is highly recommended), class participation, and a final exam involving translation from Biblical Hebrew into English.
Requirements	Reading: It is recommended that students read the appropriate lesson in the textbook before class. Come with questions!
	Writing: No papers. Some translations of sentences from Biblical Hebrew into English.
	Other Assignments: The main assignment each week is to learn the vocabulary, 10-15 words per week, with a quiz every week. Vocabulary is like money: it isn't everything, but without it you can't do very much!

Required Texts:

Author and Title (Press, Year)	ISBN	Cost	Pages to be read
Ruby Strauss with Ahuva Schuller and Lillian W. Adler, <i>The Hebrew Primer</i> (New York: Behrman House, 1984)	0-87441-392-3	\$15.95	1-128
Bonnie Pedrottie Kittel, Victoria Hoffer and Rebecca Abts Wright, <i>Biblical Hebrew: Text and Workbook</i> , Second Edition (New Haven: Yale University 2005)	978-0-300-09862-4	\$72.00	3-84 249- 255 387- 403