

BS611 Introduction to Biblical Hebrew

Instructor	Fr. Paul Maillet, PSS
Schedule	Monday 7-8:30pm; Wed. 7-8pm
Description	This course assumes no prior knowledge of Hebrew. The student is taught the Hebrew alphabet and vowel pointing system using drills and games in the first lessons. The rest of the course is focused on translating from Biblical Hebrew into English, starting with very short phrases, moving on to sentences, and eventually whole passages—all from the <i>Tanakh</i> (Hebrew Bible). The textbook uses an inductive approach, gradually exposing the student to the principles of Hebrew grammar only after encountering concrete examples in familiar Biblical verses. The course will continue with a second semester continuing along the same lines for all who are interested
Requirements	Reading: For each class meeting, the student will study the appropriate lesson in the text book (2-3 pages of dense material) in order to be able to follow the lesson in class.
	Writing: some exercises, but no papers.
	Other Assignments: the most important assignment will be memorizing Biblical Hebrew vocabulary and some paradigms for in-class quizzes.

Required Texts:

Author and Title (Press, Year, Edition)	Cost	Pages to be read
Ruby G. Strauss, Ahuva Schuller, and Lillian W. Adler. <i>The Hebrew Primer</i> . Behrman House, New York, 1984.	\$16.00	127
Bonnie Pedrotti Kittel, Victoria Hoffer, and Rebecca Abts Wright. <i>Biblical Hebrew: Text and Workbook, Fully Revised by Victoria Hoffer</i> . Yale, New Haven, 2005. Second Edition	\$79.00	100