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Hebrew I + Old Testament

Course Code	G_BATRSPC107
Credits	6
Period	P4
Course Level	100
Language Of Tuition	English
Faculty	Faculty of Religion and Theology
Course Coordinator	prof. dr. E. van Staalduine-Sulman
Examiner	C. Staps MA MSc.
Teaching Staff	dr. M.L. Folmer, C. Staps MA MSc.
Teaching method(s)	Lecture, Seminar

Course Objective

The student is able to

- * read Biblical Hebrew in vocalized form
- * recognize the structure of nominal phrases in Biblical Hebrew
- * distinguish nominal phrases from nominal clauses
- * translate simple Hebrew nominal phrases and simple Hebrew nominal and verbal sentences without resources

Course Content

This module is the first of three.

A thorough knowledge of Biblical Hebrew is necessary for the Old Testament modules in this Bachelor. This module is about the Hebrew script, elementary grammar and basic vocabulary. In grammar, the emphasis is on the most important aspects of the formal theory of Biblical Hebrew and on the structure of phrases and the structure of nominal and verbal sentences. Reading skills, the recognition of grammatical forms, the translation of nominal phrases and simple nominal and verbal sentences and the knowledge of the Hebrew vocabulary are practiced on the basis of extensive training material. Part of the practice takes place with the help of Hebrew Online Learner. The grammar covered in this module is the minimum required to be able to read Hebrew prose easily in the Hebrew course 2.

Teaching Methods

Lectures and seminars (using Hebrew Online Learner).

Method of Assessment

Summative test midway (25%) and at the end of the course (75%) in the form of a written exam. 1 resit about the entire material. Due to corona measures the exam might come in the form of a Canvas Quiz.

Literature

- A. J. C. Verheij, Basisgrammatica van het Bijbels Hebreeuws (derde druk, Delft: Eburon 2007).
- A. J. C. Verheij en M.L. Folmer, Basisgrammatica van het Bijbels Hebreeuws: Oefenboek (derde druk, Delft: Eburon 2010).

Additional Information

- Attendance is compulsory for these lectures and seminars.
- It is necessary for this course to have a laptop or tablet during class.
- Mind that Hebrew and OT 3 will close with two exams, one about Hebrew and one about OT. It is best to start reading the book on OT during this

course and Hebrew and OT 2. So, enroll in Hebrew 3 as soon as possible and start reading the book on OT, supported by the questions prepared for each chapter.

Custom Course Registration

As long as there are no foreign students for this course, Dutch-speaking students will join the Hebrew 1 of the Bachelor of Theology (VU - PThU) course. These Dutch-speaking students should still register for this English course, because this is simply the course that comes with their package. Students who do not speak Dutch are requested to report to the coordinator of this English course Hebrew 1: e.van.stalduine-sulman@vu.nl