



Exchange programme Vrije Universiteit

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Hebrew II + Old Testament

Course Code	G_BATRSPC112
Credits	6
Period	P5
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)	Seminar, Lecture

Course Objective

After completing this module, the student is able to:

- recognize and reproduce the main aspects of the grammar of Biblical Hebrew (including the main points of the morphology of the weak verb);
- recognize the main aspects of the syntax of Biblical Hebrew prose;
- independently translate more complex Hebrew sentences;
- grammatically analyze and translate a simple piece of prose in Biblical Hebrew using grammar, a dictionary and possibly text annotations.

Course Content

This module further deepens the knowledge of the grammar and vocabulary of Biblical Hebrew. The focus of the module is on the translation and analysis of simple prose in Biblical Hebrew (classroom / independent). Important aspects of Hebrew grammar are further elucidated on the basis of these texts. This course also covers the main features of the so-called weak verbs.

Teaching Methods

Lectures and seminars (using Hebrew Online Learner)

Method of Assessment

Written summative test halfway through and at the end of the course. The exam might take the form of an oral examination during a Zoom session, if corona measures must be taken into account.

Entry Requirements

Completion of Hebrew 1 prior to the Hebrew 2 course is highly recommended and presupposed in the handling of the course material.

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).
- J. P. Lettinga, Grammatica van het bijbels Hebreeuws (12de herziene editie uit 2012; inclusief Leerboek).
- K. Elliger, W. Rudolph, (eds), Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia, z.pl.z.j. editio minor.
- F. Brown, S. Driver and Ch. Briggs, The Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament. Uitgave Hendrickson Publishers.

Additional Information

- Attendance is compulsory for these lectures;
- For this course it is necessary to have a laptop or tablet during class.
- Mind that the course Hebrew and OT 3 ends with two exams, one on Hebrew and one on OT. It is best to start reading the book on OT during this course. So, enroll as soon as possible in Hebrew 3 and follow the instructions.

Custom Course Registration

As long as there are no foreign students for this course, Dutch-speaking students will join the Hebrew 2 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 2: e.van.staalduine-sulman@vu.nl

Recommended background knowledge

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