

INTRODUCTION TO CLASSICAL HEBREW

RLST 1010, CLST2750

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I. Description

This course is an introductory study of classical Hebrew grammar and syntax for the purpose of reading classical (=biblical) Hebrew; Hebrew BCE.

II. Objectives

1. Develop ability to read variety of Hebrew texts by:
 - A. Memorize essential Hebrew vocabulary.
 - B. Master basics of Hebrew grammar by completion of grammar book.
2. Develop appreciation of the complexities and art of translation.
3. Develop awareness of basic history of Hebrew language
4. Create, satisfy, and perpetuate **curiosity** for Hebrew learning.

III. Policies

1. Students and teacher are expected to attend class in a prepared manner; this is crucial for those desiring to make the most of their personal investments. Experience has shown that there are direct relationships between attendance and learning and final grade. Perfect attendance is seriously smiled upon 😊 and will result in 10 points being added to one's final exam. Persons are always responsible for material missed during absence.
2. Exams and quizzes must be taken at the scheduled time except in cases of family or personal emergencies, such as your own death. There are no make-up quizzes.

3. ACADEMIC HONOR CODE of MILLSAPS COLLEGE

Millsaps College is an academic community dedicated to the pursuit of scholarly inquiry and intellectual growth. The foundation of this community is a spirit of personal honesty and mutual trust. Through their Honor Code, the students of Millsaps College affirm their adherence to these basic ethical principles.

An Honor Code is not simply a set of rules and procedures governing students' academic conduct. It is an opportunity to put personal responsibility and integrity into action. When students agree to abide by an Honor Code, they liberate themselves to pursue their academic goals in an atmosphere of mutual confidence and respect.

The success of the Code depends on the support of each member of the community. Students and faculty alike commit themselves in their work to the principles of academic honesty. When they become aware of infractions, both students and faculty are obligated to report them to the Honor Council, which is responsible for enforcement.

The pledge signed by all students upon entering the College is as follows:

As a Millsaps College student, I hereby affirm that I understand the Honor Code and am aware of its implications and of my responsibility to the Code. In the interests of expanding the atmosphere of respect and trust in the College, I promise to uphold the Honor Code and I will not tolerate dishonest behavior in myself or in others.

Each examination, quiz, or other assignment that is to be graded will carry the written pledge: "I hereby certify that I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this assignment. (Signature)" The abbreviation "Pledged" followed by the student's signature has the same meaning and may be acceptable on assignments other than final examinations.

It is the responsibility of students and faculty to report offenses to the Honor Code Council in the form of a written report. This account must be signed, the accusation explained in as much detail as possible, and submitted to the Dean of the College.

4. At times the complexities and exigencies of life come to bear even on carefully designed course policies and otherwise idyllic classrooms. Whenever you have a personal "issue" or question or difficulty, you are welcome to talk to me. I have never bitten anyone. If you have any questions about this course, assignments, policies, grading etc. or about your ability to complete the tasks, please come talk to me. I can help you only if I am informed. I am happy to help.

IV. Required Texts

1. Menahem Mansoor. *Biblical Hebrew*.

V. FINAL EXAM

Tuesday, 6 December, 9 AM.

VI. Grading

1. Weekly quizzes over vocabulary and grammar 25%
2. Written assignments
. 25%
4. 2 exams, each worth
. 25%

Letter grades are assigned to increments of 10 on a scale of 100.

A 94-100	A- 91-93	B+ 88-90	B 84-87
B- 81-83			
C+ 78-80	C 74-77	C- 71-73	D+ 68-70
			D 61-67

