SCHOOL OF DIVINITY, HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY

ACADEMIC SESSION 2015-2016

DR1042 HEBREW LANGUAGE I

15 Credits, 11 Weeks

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY:

The full set of school regulations and procedures is contained in the Undergraduate Student Handbook which is available online at your MyAberdeen page. Students are expected to familiarise themselves not only with the contents of this leaflet but also with the contents of the Handbook. Therefore, ignorance of the contents of the Handbook will not excuse the breach of any School regulation or procedure.

You must familiarise yourself with this important information at the earliest opportunity.

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Students can view their university timetable at
http://www.abdn.ac.uk/infohub/study/timetables-550.php

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course is an introduction to classical biblical Hebrew without
presupposing any prior knowledge. It involves the study of grammar and
syntax and the translation of simple Hebrew prose texts.

INTENDED AIMS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES
This course is the first part of a two-course sequence over two semesters of
study (DR1024 & DR1536). It is designed to equip students with knowledge of
basic Hebrew grammar and vocabulary. With the completion of these two
courses, a student can expect to read most prose sections of the Hebrew Bible
with the use of a standard lexicon.

Through the course of the semester, the student should learn to:
1. Read, write and pronounce the Hebrew letters.
2. Understand and recognize the verbal system and to conjugate part of it.
Decline the noun system.

LECTURE/SEMINAR PROGRAMME
See MyAberdeen for further instructions

READING LIST
Lena-Sofia Tiemeyer, Introduction to Biblical Hebrew (Scholar’s Publisher).
https://scholarspub.com/digital-textbooks
The course (22 classes) will cover chapters 1-21. Each class will cover 1 chapter, leaving 1 class for midterm class examination. The two classes in week 18 will be used for structured revision.

SECONDARY READING

The following material will be consulted from time to time:

  - The students may be required to consult this dictionary in order to prepare the homework. Students can either buy it or consult a library copy.

Those students working in the electronic environment, the programs Logos/Bible Works/Bible Windows include this dictionary.

ASSESSMENT

PLEASE NOTE: In order to pass a course on the first attempt, a student must attain a Common Grading Scale (CGS) mark of at least E3 on each element of course assessment. Failure to do so will result in a grade of no greater than CGS E1 for the course as a whole.

1 one hour written examination paper (50%); 1 class examination (20%); and continuous assessment based on homework (30%). The examinations are based on the lectures, the bi-weekly grammar and work sheets, and the homework.

*Click to view the University Level Descriptors (ANNEX A).*

*Click to view the University Assessment Scale Band Descriptors (ANNEX B).*
EXERCISES
New grammar and vocabulary will be taught every class. Students are required to do the corresponding homework assignment that should be handed in at the beginning of the following class for marking. These home assignments will also be reviewed in class.

Students are advised make two copies of the home assignments, one to be handed in for marking and one to look at in class.

Attendance and participation in the class sessions are integral to language learning experience. By actively using a language, the level of integration and retention is greatly increased.

When learning a language, falling behind on the homework will make is very difficult to understand what is happening in class or to do well in the writing assignments and exams.
For a realistic chance of success, students should aim at 100% attendance at classes.
Students are expected to have completed the homework assignments to every class and to come prepared to discuss them actively in class.

ASSESSMENT DEADLINES
Homework shall be handed in at the beginning of every class.

The Midterm Exam will take place during the last lecture of Week 12 (22 October, 2015), covering the material of weeks 7-11.

SUBMISSION ARRANGEMENTS
The homework should be handed in to the course instructor at the beginning of every class.
A mark of D3 or below will be given to late submission of homework. All coursework must be submitted to the course co-ordinator no later than Friday 27th November, 2015. Failure to do so will disqualify the student from taking the final exam AND the resit as the mark of the element of coursework will be 0, i.e. below CGS D3. The student must retake the course in order to be eligible to take the final exam / resit.

Please note: Failure to submit both an electronic copy to TurnitinUK and an identical paper copy, with the digital receipt attached, will result in a deduction of marks. Failure to submit to TurnitinUK will result in a zero mark.

EXAMINATION
The class examination will contain a section of previously seen texts to be translated into either Hebrew or English (50%) and a section of un-seen texts to be translated into either Hebrew or English (50%).
Duration: 1 hour.
Failure to take the class examination will disqualify the student from taking the final exam AND the resit.

The final examination will contain a section of previously seen texts to be translated into either Hebrew or English (50%) and a section of un-seen texts to be translated into either Hebrew or English (50%).
Duration: 1 hour.
General exam guidance will be given in the Student Handbook.

RESIT INFORMATION
Access to the resit which is provisional on:

- All submitted coursework having been submitted and graded at CGS E3 or higher.
• Student having a valid Class Certificate. Students with C7’s are not eligible for resits.

• New Coursework can be submitted in agreement with the course co-ordinator. It is the student’s responsibility to contact the co-ordinator if the student has failed a course. The final date for resubmission of coursework is the Thursday of Revision week in the half-session in which the course is taught.

The resit is a one-hour written examination (100%).

Past exam papers can be viewed at http://www.abdn.ac.uk/library/learning-and-teaching/for-students/exam-papers/.