

**TRINITY SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY  
SUMMER TERM 2008  
COURSE SYLLABUS  
Department: Biblical Studies  
Course Title: Introduction to Hebrew  
Course Number: BL 500-501  
Course Hours: 6**

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### **Course Description**

This eight-week course for beginners in Hebrew will work through Futato's *Beginning Biblical Hebrew* text. It will also introduce the student to *Williams' Hebrew Syntax (Third Edition)*. Practical application will involve the translation and parsing of Judges 3:7-31 and, as time permits, other passages from the Hebrew Bible

### **Course Objectives**

This course has, as its objective, the mastery of the following:  
To learn the Hebrew alphabet  
To know the forms and uses of 400 Hebrew words  
To be able to translate standard Biblical Hebrew  
To begin to understand Hebrew sentence structure (syntax).

### **Course texts**

#### **Required**

*Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press 1990.  
Ray Dillard. *Hebrew Vocabulary Cards*. Springfield: Vis-Ed. 1981.  
Mark D. Futato. *Beginning Biblical Hebrew*.  
Ronald J. Williams. *Williams' Hebrew Syntax (Third Edition.)* Revd. John C. Beckman.

#### **Optional:**

Lexicons are available on computer but a good book, preferred by most beginners, is William L. Holladay. *A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans, 1980.

More difficult to use but necessary for the serious Hebrew scholar is F. Brown, S. Driver, and C. Briggs. *The Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon*. Peabody MA: Hendrickson 2001.

Other works may be recommended from time to time during the course.

## Course Requirements and Grading System

1. Attendance at class, on time and with completed assignments, and appropriate participation in class activities. (10%)
2. Daily quizzes: when calculating your quiz average the 2 lowest quiz grades will be dropped. (45%)
3. Final exam. (45%)

Class will meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:00 a.m. until noon.

### Schedule of Topics

Week of June 23	Futato Lessons 1-6
Week of June 30	Futato Lessons 7-10
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Week of July 7	Futato Lessons 11-16
Week of July 14	Futato Lessons 17-22
Week of July 21	Futato Lessons 23-28 Begin Judges 3
Week of July 28	Futato Lessons 29-34 Continue Ju. 3 as assigned
Week of August 4	Futato Lessons 35-40 Continue Ju. 3
Week of August 11	Williams Syntax Finish Ju. 3