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TITLE: Hebrew Grammar I **TERM:** Fall 2018-2019

PROFESSOR: Ron Tappy **CREDIT HOURS:** 3

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO: _____ UNLIMITED X
AUDITORS: _____ NO AUDITORS X

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course introduces students to the basics of biblical Hebrew and to the tools necessary for translating and interpreting Hebrew texts. Students will learn Hebrew consonants and vowel points and the rudiments of grammar and syntax. They will learn basic vocabulary and begin to translate and interpret simple sentences from the Hebrew Bible.

CLASS OBJECTIVES: Completion of this course will require that students:

- give a primary meaning for all vocabulary covered in the text book and assigned biblical readings;
- identify all the parts of speech and grammatical constructions in biblical Hebrew;
- translate correctly verbal and non-verbal sentences and sentences into English;
- evaluate in grammatical and syntactical terms the elements of simple Hebrew narrative;
- display an ability to use the principle tools of Hebrew language study (lexicons; verb paradigms; etc.)

PREREQUISITES: None

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/READING:

- Introduction to Biblical Hebrew*, Thomas O. Lambdin. Prentice Hall, 1971 (paperback 1994).
ISBN-10: 9780023672507 **ISBN-13:** 978-0023672507

(NOTE: students need not purchase the following books before the second half of the semester)

- Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia* American Bible Society **ISBN-10:** 9783438052223 **ISBN-13:** 978-3438052223
- A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament*, F. Brown, S.R. Driver, and C.A. Briggs **ISBN-10:** 1607963086 **ISBN-13:** 978-1607963080 AND/OR
- A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*, William L. Holladay, ed. **ISBN-10:** 9780802834133 **ISBN-13:** 978-0802834133

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING

Grading based on attendance, class preparation and participation, quizzes, and final exam
In-class work will involve lectures, drills on assigned exercises, and translation of short biblical texts

Weekly Quizzes—on vocabulary (cumulative) and grammar (non-cumulative) (50%)

Final Examination—during the regular exam period and on a date set by the Registrar (cumulative) (50%)

ATTENDANCE: Required.