

Language: Hebrew

From Scratch to the Bible and the Mishnah. The course is a 10 ECTS crash course in Biblical Hebrew with an introduction to Rabbinic Hebrew. You will be trained in basic Hebrew grammar, enough to make you able to read biblical texts such as Genesis and the Book of Psalms, and you will be introduced to the Pirke Avot text from the Mishna by the end of the semester.

The course is taught as e-learning, including one two-hour weekly conference call via Skype. It will be taught in the 'flipped classroom' style, meaning that you will watch online video lectures as part of your preparation for class. This means that we will not have to use time on lectures in class, giving students more time to having their queries cleared up. The lectures and textbook are found here: <http://ehrensvard.dk/?Hebrew>

Weekly conference call

We will meet on Skype on Tuesdays 12:15-13:45 CET *except for the first week, where there will be no call* (because I will be travelling that week). Students present in Copenhagen are welcome to come to my office for the classes.

Reading for the first week

For the first week, where you will study on your own, please read the Wikipedia entry on biblical Hebrew: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biblical_Hebrew. Then watch the first three videos along with exercise 1. Please read exercise 1 aloud to yourself or your study partners three times, so as to practice reading Hebrew.

Time period

Teaching: week 5-18. There will be a break in week 13 (Easter).

Syllabus

Genesis 1-4; Psalm 24.

Exam

For the exam you will be asked to translate and linguistically comment upon a text from the syllabus. The text will be a few verses long. You will receive the text on May 17 at noon and should hand in your paper by email to me on before May 18 at noon.

Literature:

TEXT BOOK

'Biblical Hebrew' (this is an unpublished work and it is found here <http://bit.ly/1RJ85TC>);

GRAMMAR

Thomas Lambdin, An Introduction to Biblical Hebrew;

BIBLE

Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia or <http://biblehub.com/text/deuteronomy/5-1.htm> etc.

VIDEO LECTURES are found on YouTube, on the channel for the *Religious Roots of Europe MA programme, Faculty of Theology, University of Copenhagen* (scroll down towards the bottom of the channel). For convenience, I have embedded them all on this page: <http://ehrensvard.dk/?Hebrew>

Responsible teacher and institution

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Registration:

No later than January 15: E-mail both to me (meh@teol.ku.dk) and to your local coordinator/tutor.