

Language: Hebrew

From Scratch to the Bible. The course is a 10 ECTS crash course in Biblical 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.

The course is taught as e-learning, including a two-hour weekly video conference call via Zoom. 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>. Alternatively, you can find the videos on this playlist:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQF_QRC5FPNgx3fyK4kEINXCKbQdote5q

Weekly conference call

We will meet on Zoom video conference on Wednesdays from 13:15-14:45 CET. It's always the same Zoom room, <https://ucph-ku.zoom.us/j/5275448182>. There's no password. Students present in Copenhagen are welcome to come to my office for the classes. I will audio record the classes and share them with you in Canvas. We will use Copenhagen's Canvas, called Absalon.

Reading for the first class

For the first class, please read the Wikipedia entry on biblical Hebrew: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biblical_Hebrew. Then watch the first three videos and complete exercise 1. Please also read exercise 1 aloud to yourself or your study partners three times, so as to practice reading Hebrew.

Time period

Teaching: Week 6-17, thus the first class will be on 7. February and the last class will be on 24. April. There will be a break for Easter, so there will be no classes on 27. March. Please note further that I will be on holiday in week 12 (18-22. March), but I will teach via Zoom on 20. March anyway.

Compact seminar

During week 11, there will be a compact seminar in Copenhagen. Hebrew class that week will be IRL on Monday, 11. March, 9:30-11:00. So, no Hebrew class on Wednesday 13. March.

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 29. April at noon and should hand in your paper in our digital exam system before 30. April at noon.

NB: Note that you must receive and hand in the exam question in the digital system. Make sure that you have access and that you check our UCPH email daily.

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 this page: <http://ehrensvard.dk/?Hebrew>, or here:

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