

**Note:**

**Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form, and should not be used to purchase course materials.**

## ***COURSE SYLLABUS***

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### **OTCL 520**

#### **BEGINNING HEBREW**

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The basic elements of Hebrew grammar with stress upon morphology and vocabulary.

#### **RATIONALE**

This course facilitates study of the Old Testament in the original language of Hebrew as a vital component of the hermeneutical process. This grammar course provides a full year of grammar study in which the student will learn the basics of Hebrew vocabulary, morphology, phonology, and grammar. Study of the original languages develops depth and expertise that is essential for graduate work in biblical studies and solid exposition of the Bible in the context of Christian teaching and preaching.

#### **I. PREREQUISITE**

For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the [Academic Course Catalog](#).

#### **II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASE**

Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: <http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm>

#### **III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING**

- A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
- B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
- C. Blackboard [recommended browsers](#)
- D. Microsoft Office

#### **IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Pronounce Hebrew consonants and vowels.
- B. Recognize Hebrew word formations.
- C. Parse Hebrew words, especially verbs.
- D. Translate Hebrew words that occur frequently in the Hebrew Bible.
- E. Interpret simple sentences by deductive mastery of material in the textbook and by inductive analysis of sentences in the homework assignments.

**V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS**

A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations

B. Course Requirements Checklist

After reading the Course Syllabus and [Student Expectations](#), the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.

C. Workbook Assignments (19)

The student will complete 19 Workbook Assignments from the workbook, which apply the concepts from the chapter readings. (MLO: A, B, C, D, E)

D. Quizzes (5)

Each quiz will cover the Reading & Study material for the modules/weeks in which it is assigned. Each quiz will be open-book/open-notes, contain 5–25 true/false and multiple-choice questions, and have a 30-minute time limit. (MLO: B, C, D)

E. Exams (3)

Each exam will cover the Reading & Study material for the modules/weeks in which it is assigned. Each exam will: be closed-book/closed-notes; contain 50 true/false, multiple-choice, and short answer questions; and have a 1-hour time limit. (MLO: A, B, C, D, E)

**VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES**

A. Points

Course Requirements Checklist		10
Workbook Assignment (13 at 20 pts ea, 6 at 10 pts ea)		320
Quizzes (5 at 40 pts ea)		200
Exam 1	(Modules 1–3)	160
Exam 2	(Modules 4–6)	160
Exam 3	(Modules 7–8)	160
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1010</b>

B. Scale

A = 940–1010    A- = 920–939    B+ = 900–919    B = 860–899    B- = 840–859  
 C+ = 820–839    C = 780–819    C- = 760–779    D+ = 740–759    D = 700–739  
 D- = 680–699    F = 0–679

C. Style Guidelines

All assignments for this course are to be formatted in accordance with [LBTS Writing Guide](#) and the latest edition of the Turabian style manual (*A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*). Discussion assignments and essay examinations may use the parenthetical citation style. All other written assignments should use the footnote citation style. Supplemental writing aids are available via the [Online Writing Center](#)

D. Extra Credit

No additional “for credit” assignments will be permitted beyond those given in the course requirements stated above.

E. Course Changes

Course requirements are subject to change by the administration of the University at any time with appropriate notice.

F. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online’s Office of Disability Accommodation Support (ODAS) at [LUOODAS@liberty.edu](mailto:LUOODAS@liberty.edu) to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at [www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport](http://www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport).

If you have a complaint related to disability discrimination or an accommodation that was not provided, you may contact ODAS or the Office of Equity and Compliance by phone at (434) 592-4999 or by email at [equityandcompliance@liberty.edu](mailto:equityandcompliance@liberty.edu). Click to see a full copy of Liberty’s [Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct Policy](#) or the [Student Disability Grievance Policy and Procedures](#).

## ***COURSE SCHEDULE***

### **OTCL 520**

Textbooks: Pratico & Van Pelt, *Basics of Biblical Hebrew* (2014).  
Pratico & Van Pelt, *Basics of Biblical Hebrew: Video Lectures* (2012).

<b>MODULE/ WEEK</b>	<b>READING &amp; STUDY</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
<b>1</b>	Pratico & Van Pelt (2014): chs. 1–3 Pratico & Van Pelt (2012): Lectures 1–3 2 presentations	Course Requirements Checklist	10
		Class Introductions	0
		WBA 1	20
		WBA 2	20
		WBA 3	20
		Quiz 1	40
<b>2</b>	Pratico & Van Pelt (2014): chs. 4–5 Pratico & Van Pelt (2012): Lectures 4–5 1 presentation	WBA 4	20
		WBA 5	20
		Exam 1	160
<b>3</b>	Pratico & Van Pelt (2014): chs. 6–7 Pratico & Van Pelt (2012): Lectures 6–7	WBA 6	20
		WBA 7	20
		Quiz 2	40
<b>4</b>	Pratico & Van Pelt (2014): chs. 8–9 Pratico & Van Pelt (2012): Lectures 8–9	WBA 8	20
		WBA 9	20
		Quiz 3	40
<b>5</b>	Pratico & Van Pelt (2014): chs. 10–11 Pratico & Van Pelt (2012): Lectures 10–11	WBA 10	20
		WBA 11	20
		Quiz 4	40
<b>6</b>	Pratico & Van Pelt (2014): ch. 12 Pratico & Van Pelt (2012): Lecture 12	WBA 12a	10
		WBA 12b	10
		Exam 2	160
<b>7</b>	Pratico & Van Pelt (2014): chs. 13–14 Pratico & Van Pelt (2012): Lectures 13–14	WBA 13	20
		WBA 14a	10
		WBA 14b	10
		Quiz 5	40
<b>8</b>	Pratico & Van Pelt (2014): chs. 15–16 Pratico & Van Pelt (2012): Lectures 15–16 1 presentation	WBA 15	20
		WBA 16a	10
		WBA 16b	10
		Exam 3	160
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1010</b>

DB = Discussion Board      WBA=Workbook Assignment

**NOTE:** Each course module/week begins on Monday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Sunday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final module/week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on **Friday**.