



**ERSKINE**  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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## HB 601 CO: HEBREW III

Summer 2011, Columbia Campus

Meeting Times: 5:00-8:00 p.m., May 23, 26; June 2, 9, 13, 16, 23, 27, 30; July 25, 28; Aug 1, 4

Final exam: August 11

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### **OFFICE HOURS FOR SUMMER 2011:**

I will typically be available Monday through Thursday in my office in Columbia between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., though it is always advisable to call or email for an appointment first. Other times and locations may be available.

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Selected readings in the Hebrew Old Testament provide the basis for fostering the student's facility in translation and further familiarity with classical Hebrew grammar.

*Prerequisites: HB501, HB502 (Biblical Hebrew 1 and 2). In order to receive exegesis credit for this course, students must have successfully completed BI102 Principles of Exegesis prior to taking this class. Exegesis/Elective. Three hours.*

### **REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:**

- E. Tov, *Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (Augsburg Fortress Press, 2001; ISBN-10: 0800634292; ISBN-13: 978-0800634292)
- R. Williams & J. Beckman, *Williams' Hebrew Syntax*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (University of Toronto Press, 2007; ISBN-10: 0802094295; ISBN-13: 978-0802094292)
- G. Landes, *Building Your Biblical Hebrew Vocabulary. Learning Words by Frequency and Cognate* (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2003; ISBN-10: 1-58983-003-2; ISBN-13: 979-1589830034)
- D. Stuart, *Old Testament Exegesis: A Handbook for Students and Pastors*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition (Westminster/John Knox, 2009; ISBN-10: 0664233449; ISBN-13: 978-0664233440)
- W. Scott, *A Simplified guide to BHS*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition (D & F Scott Publishing, 2007; ISBN-10: 1930566689; ISBN-13: 978-1-930566-68-2)

Students are expected to secure their own copies of all required textbooks. As a convenience, the seminary has a bookstore portal of the website at:

<http://www.erskineseminary.org/bookstore.html>

There you will find links to familiar vendors (CBD, Amazon, B&N, and Books-A-Million) and can check availability of texts, compare prices, and place orders. The ETS SBA will receive a modest percentage of the profits from students' and professors' purchases through this portal. The Erskine Campus Bookstore will carry a limited number of copies of every required text and orders for books can be placed through the Campus Bookstore.

It is assumed that the student already has the following textbooks from first year Hebrew:

Karl Elliger and Willhelm Rudolph, *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*. American Bible Society. Various formats are available: Hardcover Large Format (recommended), Hardcover Small Format, Hardcover Wide Margin Edition, Paperback Small Format, etc.

William L Holladay, *A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament* (Eerdmans, 1971; ISBN-10: 0802834132; ISBN-13: 978-0802834133)

Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon (Hendrickson reprint; ISBN-10: 1565632060; ISBN-13: 978-1565632066)

### **RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS:**

D. J. A. Clines (ed.), *The Concise Dictionary of Classical Hebrew* (Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2009; paperback; ISBN-10: 1906055793; ISBN: 978-1-906055-79-0)

P. Joüon and T. Muraoka, *A Grammar of Biblical Hebrew*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (Pontifical Biblical Institute, 2006; ISBN-10: 8876536299; ISBN-13: 978-8876536298)

C. H. van der Merwe, J. Kroeze, J. Naudé, *A Biblical Hebrew Reference Grammar* (Sheffield Academic Press, 1999; ISBN-10: 1850758565; ISBN-13: 978-1850758563)

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING:**

Your course grade will be based upon the following components:

1. Hebrew exegesis paper: 30%
2. Homework and assignments: 35%
3. Quizzes and exams: 30%
4. Attendance, Preparation, and Participation: 5%

Further details on these requirements will be provided in class.

### **IMPORTANT DATES/CLASS SCHEDULE:**

A full class schedule of topics, assignments, etc. will be provided at the first class session. Make sure to take note of the following:

- Class meets from **5:00-8:00 p.m.**
- The first class session meets on **May 23** and the final exam is on **August 11**.
- Class meets on **Monday** and **Thursday** nights as follows:
 

○ May 23 (Mon)	○ June 9 (Thurs)
○ May 26 (Thurs)	○ June 13 (Mon)
○ June 2 (Thurs)	○ June 16 (Thurs)

- June 23 (Thurs)
- June 27 (Mon)
- June 30 (Thurs)
- July 25 (Mon)
- July 28 (Thurs)
- Aug 1 (Mon)
- Aug 4 (Thurs)
- Final exam: Aug 11 (Thurs)

### **LANGUAGE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS AND ASSESSMENT:**

Acquisition of a foreign language involves gaining competency on a variety of levels:

1. Pronunciation/oral facility: fluency in forming the range of sounds utilized by the language;
2. Aural comprehension: the ability to recognize and comprehend the language when it is being spoken;
3. Reading ability: recognition of the language's writing system/characters, the ability to form syllables so as to be able to pronounce words properly, and so on;
4. Vocabulary: possessing a sufficient working knowledge of word meanings to enable communication (studies vary, but basic communicative competence involves a vocabulary of somewhere around 3,000 words);
5. Form recognition and analysis: the ability to identify different parts of speech (nouns, verbs, etc.), parse verbs, analyze noun formations, pronoun suffixes, etc.;
6. Translation: the skill of accurately translating passages in the foreign language, which requires the ability to synthesize the various competencies given above;
7. Communicative ability: the ability to express oneself in the foreign language.

All of these factors are vital for language learning and will be taken into account by the instructor when assigning course grades. Because of the unique problems posed by attempting to learn a "dead" language such as Biblical Hebrew, however, some of these competencies (particularly #2 and #7) will not be emphasized as heavily as others in this class, and will be weighted accordingly by the instructor when assigning a course grade. Also, with reference to the student's Hebrew vocabulary (#4), it is not expected that the student will have attained a 3,000 word vocabulary by the end of Hebrew III.

### **ERSKINE VIRTUAL CAMPUS (EVC):**

This course utilizes Erskine's EVC website as a place to make a number of required class resources available to you. Thus, you will need frequent access to a computer with a reliable internet connection. See Appendix A below for directions on setting up an account. After you have set up an account and are officially registered for the course then you will need an enrollment key in order to access the HB 502 CO online classroom (this key is available from the instructor). Students must have their EVC accounts set up by the first class session. As soon as you have registered for the course you should check the online classroom for important information pertaining to the class. The HB 502 CO course is listed under the "hybrid" classrooms on EVC: <http://hybrid.erskineseminary.net/>

### **HEBREW FONTS:**

SBL Hebrew is the Hebrew font used in the instructor's files and documents. You will need to have this installed on your computer in order to read many resources. This font can be downloaded at: [http://www.sbl-site.org/educational/BiblicalFonts\\_SBLHebrew.aspx](http://www.sbl-site.org/educational/BiblicalFonts_SBLHebrew.aspx)

### **OVERALL GRADING SCALE:**

100-95	A	85-84	C+	71-70	D-
94-93	A-	83-80	C		
92-91	B+	79-78	C-	69-0	F
90-88	B	77-76	D+		
87-86	B-	75-72	D		

### **CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS AND SEMINARY POLICIES:**

For official seminary policies on Course Drop/Add/Withdrawals, Required Textbooks, Language About God and Humanity, Conduct in Theological Discussions, Course Incompletes, Class Attendance, Style and Bibliographic Formatting Requirements, Exegesis Credit for Bible Electives, Chapel Attendance, Portfolio Requirements, and Plagiarism, see the following link:

[http://seminary.erskine.edu/content\\_policies/SeminaryPoliciesforETSSStudents.pdf](http://seminary.erskine.edu/content_policies/SeminaryPoliciesforETSSStudents.pdf)

In addition to the information provided there, please note the following:

**Policy on Absences:** Sleeping in class is counted as an absence, as is missing more than half of a class session. More than one class absence will result in grade penalties.

**Taping Class Lectures:** If you wish to tape a lecture using your own recording device, you must complete an "Audio Recording Request" form, which can be downloaded from the Seminary website at: <http://www.erskineseminary.org/Academics/PdfDownloads.html>

## **Appendix A: First time EVC users**

If you have never created an EVC account, please complete the following steps to access to the online classroom.

If you have taken an EVC course previously, go to the web site listed below and enter your user name and password.

1. Go to the online classroom website: <http://seminary.erskine.edu/Academics/EDEN.html>
2. Click on the EVC Login button.
3. Select the term for which you are enrolled.
4. Read carefully the text under the heading “*Is this your first time here?*” Click on the “*Start now by creating a new account*” button.
5. An email will be immediately sent to the email address you entered in the new account form. When it arrives read the email and click on the web link it contains. Your account will be confirmed and you will be logged in. This must be done in a timely manner – the confirmation will not stay for long in the system.
6. Find the course for which you are enrolled.
7. Enter the **enrollment key** in order to access the online classroom. Once your registration is confirmed by the Registrar’s office you may contact the instructor to obtain the key.

\*\* Notes:

- The **enrollment key** and your **user name and password** are different. Do not attempt to use one for the other.
- It is recommended that you write down your user name and password so that it won’t be forgotten. The EVC office cannot provide you with this information.
- Please do not share the enrollment key with other students.