

Syllabus for  
**HEB 101—Elementary Hebrew I**  
4 Credit hours  
Fall 2014

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

A course for those desiring to learn beginning Modern Israeli Hebrew. Covers intensive introductory oral work, grammar, including reading and writing in both print and cursive. Reading of simple dialogues and short stories without vowels and writing simple sentences using beginning basic vocabularies and the present tense of verb stems pa'al and pi'el. Covers most activities listed in the ACTFL novice mid level competencies. (This course does not count toward the bachelor of arts language requirement, a minor, or major, but can be used for elective credit.)

Lab fee: \$40.

Hebrew 101 is designed for the student with no previous knowledge of the language. Modern Hebrew is the official language of the state of Israel and is derived from Biblical and Mishnaic Hebrew although the phonology has been simplified and new syntactic patterns and vocabulary have been developed.

II. COURSE GOALS

- A. This introductory language course is designed to help students develop communicative competence and oral proficiency in Hebrew, with proficiency defined as the ability to communicate specific messages in particular situations for a given purpose. This course provides the student opportunities for practical use of Hebrew in real life situations and the vocabulary and grammar necessary to accomplish this goal.
- B. The specific contribution of elementary and intermediate foreign language courses to the general education of ORU students is to give them the practical tool for entering into foreign cultures for Christian service or career purposes. By acquiring another language, ORU students can become “a part of the answer” and **not** “part of the problem” as they face the ever-increasing globalization and interdependency of cultures everywhere and go “**into** every person’s world,” not just go **to** every person’s world.
- C. Language and culture are intertwined, and in learning a foreign language, students also learn from and about the foreign culture by studying how the people view themselves and their society in terms of history, politics, religion, and economic and social structures. One goal of the language courses is to develop an attitude of hearing a society’s questions rather than assuming Americans have all the answers.

III. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR THIS COURSE

Upon successful completion of this course through class instruction, class participation, and laboratory exercises the student will be able to do the following:

- A. Reproduce the Hebrew alphabet in print and in cursive, and recite orally.
- B. Communicate orally with simple phrases and sentences including greetings, introductions, and answering and requesting basic information about everyday life.

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- C. Tell time and use numbers for counting, giving phone number and address, answering and asking what the student is doing, learning, and eating.
- D. Read words, phrases and sentences with and without vowel signs.
- E. Use grammatical structures introduced in lessons such as verbs in pa'al and pi'el stems in the present tense, and proper use of adjectives, and common vocabulary..
- F. Express oneself in written cursive Hebrew without vowel signs but including, full spelling and answer questions relating to cultural information.
- G. Read, memorize and recite simple Bible verses.
- H. Pray orally simple prayers such as Hebrew blessings.
- I. Perform most activities listed in the ACTFL novice mid level competencies.1

#### IV. TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER LEARNING RESOURCES

##### Required Materials

Chayat, Shlomit, et al, *Hebrew from Scratch - Part I*. (Text/Workbook), Jerusalem, Israel: Academon, 2007. ISBN: 965-350112-7  
*Hebrew from Scratch - Part I* (CDs) ISBN: 0750012975

Note. The student must purchase a new textbook since it is also a workbook and the work will be graded. The student must also purchase the CD set since questions on quizzes/exams will include listening comprehension based upon the readings from the CDs.

#### V. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- A. University Policies and Procedures
  - 1. Attendance at each class or laboratory is mandatory at Oral Roberts University. Excessive absences can reduce a student's grade or deny credit for the course.
  - 2. Students taking a late exam because of an unauthorized absence are charged a late exam fee.
  - 3. Students and faculty at Oral Roberts University must adhere to all laws addressing the ethical use of others' materials, whether it is in the form of print, electronic, video, multimedia, or computer software. Plagiarism and other forms of cheating involve both lying and stealing and are violations of ORU's Honor Code: "I will not cheat or plagiarize; I will do my own academic work and will not inappropriately collaborate with other students on assignments." Plagiarism is usually defined as copying someone else's ideas, words, or sentence structure and submitting them as one's own. Other forms of academic dishonesty include (but are not limited to) the following:
    - a. Submitting another's work as one's own or colluding with someone else and submitting that work as though it were his or hers;
    - b. Failing to meet group assignment or project requirements while claiming to have done so;
    - c. Failing to cite sources used in a paper;
    - d. Creating results for experiments, observations, interviews, or projects that were not done;

- e. Receiving or giving unauthorized help on assignments. By submitting an assignment in any form, the student gives permission for the assignment to be checked for plagiarism, either by submitting the work for electronic verification or by other means. Penalties for any of the above infractions may result in disciplinary action including failing the assignment or failing the course or expulsion from the University, as determined by department and University guidelines.
- 4. Final exams cannot be given before their scheduled times. Students need to check the final exam schedule before planning return flights or other events at the end of the semester.
- 5. Students are to be in compliance with university, school, and departmental policies regarding Whole Person Assessment requirements. Students should consult the Whole Person Assessment handbooks for requirements regarding general education and the students' majors.
  - a. The penalty for not submitting electronically or for incorrectly submitting an artifact is a zero for that assignment.
  - b. By submitting an assignment, the student gives permission for the assignment to be assessed electronically.

B. Department Policies and Procedures

1. **Class Assignments**

- a. Students need to come to class with the appropriate textbooks, course materials, and other supplies as designated by the professor.
- b. Professors may refuse to accept an assignment if it has inappropriate content, does not meet the assignment's criteria (e.g., not typed, incorrectly documented), is incomplete, is suspected of plagiarism, or is turned in too late.

2. **Tardies**—Tardies are an inconvenience to the other class members and the professor, and they prevent the late student from obtaining maximum value from the class. Therefore, excessive tardies may adversely affect the semester grade. It is to the student's advantage to make sure that the professor is informed immediately following the close of the class that the student was tardy and not absent. It is not the professor's responsibility to stop the class to mark the tardy; the student is the one responsible for conveying that information immediately following that class, not at a later time.

3. **Late Work**

- a. The student is responsible for obtaining class assignments and material covered during an absence, and all work is expected to be completed as scheduled. Late work may result in a lower grade. An absence is not an excuse for turning in late work or for being unprepared with assignments for the class following the absence. Computer or printer malfunction does not constitute an excuse for late work; students should have their work prepared in time to ensure that they can get it proofread, edited, and printed prior to the instructor's due date. These responsibilities assist the student in professional development.
- b. Any test taken late (except if the absence is administratively excused) incurs the ORU late exam fee (\$15), which must be paid before the late test can be taken.
- c. Assignments missed because of administratively excused absences are accepted with no penalty. Generally, assignments missed from an excused absence, such as sickness or family crises, can be made up and

the instructor should be notified as soon as possible to reach an agreement on due dates and possible penalties. Each instructor has his or her own late-work policy that is given to students at the beginning of a course, so a teacher may decide that work missed because of an unexcused absence cannot be made up. Instructors use their own judgment in accepting late work resulting from all other absences. In cases where absences can be anticipated, such as for non-University sponsored mission trips, the work should normally be submitted prior to the absence.

4. **Attendance**

a. **Excused and Unexcused Absences**—As stated in the university policy section of this syllabus, class attendance is mandatory, but because unavoidable circumstances can prevent perfect attendance, each student is allowed to miss class the number of times per week a class meets.

This allowance is intended for illness, personal business, and emergency. Work missed because of an excused absence (e.g., illness, family emergency) can be made up; however, it is up to the teacher's discretion whether or not to accept work missed due to an unexcused absence (e.g., oversleeping, skipping class). If a student exceeds this number of absences, the student may lose points due to late work or for excessive absences, which may affect the semester grade. Extended illnesses are handled on an individual basis and require verification from a doctor.

b. **Administratively Excused Absences**—Only absences that are required by approved University activities are given administrative excuses. Students who must miss class for University-sponsored activities must follow these procedures:

(1) Inform the professor before the event and make arrangement for the work to be submitted prior to the absence or at a mutually agreed upon deadline.

(2) Present an administrative excuse form with appropriate signatures when he or she returns to class. Doctors' or nurses' notes, or letters from groups sponsoring mission trips or activities do not qualify a student for an administratively excused absence.

(3) Obtain information covered during an absence. All work must be completed as scheduled.

(4) Not commit to class presentation (oral reports, speeches, group presentations, etc.) on a date that the student will be gone.

Makeup work is not permitted if the student voluntarily committed to a performance on the date of an administratively excused absence.

5. **Plagiarism**—Each student attending Oral Roberts University is required to do his or her own academic work and must not inappropriately collaborate with other students on assignments.

a. Students must document all sources and ideas that are not their own original information by following correct MLA (Modern Language Association) documentation procedures. Failure to do this produces a plagiarized paper, which results in an F for the paper. Flagrant cheating results in an F for the course.

b. Students may be asked to submit their assignments to Turnitin.com (an online anti-plagiarism program) or have their work submitted to D2L, which also submits work to Turnitin.com.

6. **Incompletes**—As stated in the University catalog, incompletes are granted only for “good cause,” such as extended hospitalization, long-term illness, or a death in the family. Students must petition for an incomplete using the form available in the English and Modern Languages Department. Very few incompletes are granted.
7. **Whole Person Assessment**—The General Education Whole Person Assessment (WPA) handbook explains the English and Modern Languages Department's policies concerning required WPA (ePortfolio) artifacts. The general education handbook can be accessed from ORU's WPA webpages:  
[http://www.oru.edu/current\\_students/my\\_academics/resources/whole\\_person\\_assessment/handbooks.php](http://www.oru.edu/current_students/my_academics/resources/whole_person_assessment/handbooks.php)

C. Course Policies and Procedures

1. **Grades.**  
 The final grade is based on the following requirements:
  - a. Assignments, quizzes, exams, attendance and participation in class and other assigned activities.
  - b. Students should not expect extra credit to help raise a grade.
2. **Evaluation Procedures**
  - a. The semester grade is composed of the following:
 

Quizzes and written homework	10%
Homework, verb notebook, vocabularies	10%
Cultural Center Activities/Presentations	10%
Unit and lesson exams	40%
Oral comprehension	10%
Final exam (comprehensive)	20%
  - b. Quizzes over chapter readings, grammar points, and vocabulary can be given at any time with or without notice, but a chapter test is administered after the completion of each chapter. Three unit exams are given as well as a comprehensive final exam at the end of the course.
  - c. The final grade is given according to the following scale:  
 A=90-100%; B=80-89%; C=70-79%; D=60-69%; F=59% and below
  - d. Students must earn a minimum grade of “C” in this course before taking the next level.
  - e. Extra Credit
    - (1) Extra credit cannot raise a grade from a "D" to a "C" if the cumulative score is lower than a 68% before extra credit points are added.
    - (2) Participation in a language club and conversation table is not mandatory; however, students are encouraged to attend in order to improve knowledge of the target culture. Extra credit up to 6% is given for participation in a language club, conversation table, and/or foreign language church or Bible study.
3. **The Language Lab and Cultural Center (LLCC).**
  - a. The LLCC, located in LRC 232B & C, is a valuable resource for developing foreign language proficiency.
  - b. The student needs to spend an extra 5 hours outside of class time watching videos or using the CD ROM as directed by the instructor.

<b>Language 101/102/203 courses</b>	
1 hour	Interactive: websites, CD-ROMs (Rosetta Stone), board games
1 hour	Read/listen: magazines, books, CDs
1 hour	Watch (educational): cultural, language, or documentary DVDs
2 hours	Activities based on teacher's instructions.
<b>5 hours</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

c. These hours must be logged in by the student and verified by the lab assistant.

4. **Whole Person Assessment Requirements**

There are no Whole Person Assessment requirements for this course.

VI. COURSE CALENDAR

<b>Week</b>	<b>Lesson Number</b>
1	Unit 1
2	Unit 1-2
3	Unit 2
4	<b>Exam Units 1-2</b> Unit 3
5	Units 3-4
6	<b>Exam Units 3-4</b>
7	Unit 5
8	<b>Midterm Exam</b> Units 5-6
9	Unit 7
10	Pesek Zeman
11	Lesson 1
12	Lessons 1-2
13	Lesson 2 <b>Exam Lessons 1-2</b>
14	Lesson 3
15	Lesson 3 and Review
16	<b>Final</b>

## Course Inventory for ORU's Student Learning Outcomes

### HEB 101 - Elementary Hebrew I Fall 2014

This course contributes to the ORU student learning outcomes as indicated below:

**Significant Contribution** – Addresses the outcome directly and includes targeted assessment.

**Moderate Contribution** – Addresses the outcome directly or indirectly and includes some assessment.

**Minimal Contribution** – Addresses the outcome indirectly and includes little or no assessment.

**No Contribution** – Does not address the outcome.

The Student Learning Glossary at <http://ir.oru.edu/doc/glossary.pdf> defines each outcome and each of the proficiencies/capacities.

OUTCOMES & Proficiencies/Capacities		Significant Contribution	Moderate Contribution	Minimal Contribution	No Contribution
<b>1</b>	<b>Outcome #1 – Spiritually Alive</b> Proficiencies/Capacities				
1A	Biblical knowledge		X		
1B	Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit			X	
1C	Evangelistic capability			X	
1D	Ethical behavior			X	
<b>2</b>	<b>Outcome #2 – Intellectually Alert</b> Proficiencies/Capacities				
2A	Critical thinking			X	
2B	Analytical problem solving			X	
2C	Global & historical perspectives		X		
2D	Aesthetic appreciation			X	
2E	Intellectual creativity		X		
<b>3</b>	<b>Outcome #3 – Physically Disciplined</b> Proficiencies/Capacities				
3A	Healthy lifestyle				X
3B	Physically disciplined lifestyle				X
<b>4</b>	<b>Outcome #4 – Socially Adept</b> Proficiencies/Capacities				
4A	Communication skills	X			
4B	Interpersonal skills	X			
4C	Appreciation of cultural & linguistic differences		X		
4D	Responsible citizenship			X	
4E	Leadership capacity				X

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