

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY**  
**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

**Religious Studies 207 L10 – Classical Hebrew I**

**Course Outline**

**May 15 – June 6**

Last Revised: May 9, 2006

<b>Logistics</b>	<b>Time</b>	TWRF, 9:00-11:45 am
	<b>Instructor</b>	Dr. David A. Bergen
	<b>Office Hours</b>	TWRF 12:00 - 1:00, or by appointment (SS 1322)
	<b>Telephone</b>	220-3285
	<b>Email</b>	burgndy@telus.net
	<b>Course Website</b>	<a href="http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dabergen/">http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dabergen/</a>
	<b>Textbooks</b>	J. Weingreen, <i>A Practical Grammar for Classical Hebrew</i>
<b>Course Description</b>		This offering of <i>Classical Hebrew I</i> is an intensive introduction to the language and grammar of the Hebrew Bible. Students begin by learning the consonantal alphabet and standard (MT) vowel pointing, then progress through the Weingreen textbook for the basics of Hebrew grammar. Emphasis in the course will be on developing practical interpretive skills with an eye to exegetical work within a religious studies context. All study examples are taken from the Hebrew Bible itself.
<b>Core Competencies</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a rudimentary understanding of the grammar and literature of Hebrew</li><li>• basic reading competence of the Bible in original Hebrew, with the aid of a lexicon and grammar texts</li><li>• knowledge of basic Hebrew vocabulary</li><li>• familiarity with an ancient text of considerable import for Western civilization</li></ul>
<b>Student Responsibilities</b>		Students are responsible for independent memorization of Hebrew vocabulary, for the assimilation of the rules of Hebrew grammar, and for the timely coordination and completion of group assignments.
<b>Learning Assessment</b>	Class Participation	20%
	Daily Assignments (12 total)	50%
	Three Tests (equally weighted: May 23, May 30, June 6)	30%
		Total: 100%

PLEASE NOTE:

- given the time-intensive nature of this course, it is imperative that students attend all classes.

- it is recommended that students commit to a minimum of one hour of study for every hour of class time.
- tests must be written/submitted on the dates scheduled. No exceptions will be made, except for death, significant illness, or domestic affliction (corroborated by a valid note from a physician or counsellor). The instructor must be contacted within twenty-four hours of a missed exam or deadline.
- if class numbers permit, daily assignments will be collaborative “group work” projects, with a continual rotation of group members. Daily assignments are due at the beginning of class.
- the final test will be a one-hour, registrar scheduled exam, June 6, 2006

### Grading

A numerical mark will be given for each course requirement. A letter grade will be assigned on the following number and letter grade scheme:

A+	100 - 96	A	95 - 90	A-	89 - 85
B+	84 - 80	B	79 - 75	B-	74 - 70
C+	69 - 65	C	64 - 60	C-	59 - 55
D+	54 - 53	D	52-50	F	Under 50

### Academic Honesty:

*Plagiarism is not tolerated at the University of Calgary and has serious consequences. Your essays/presentations must be your own work and inadequate referencing may be seen as plagiarism. Please see the relevant sections on Academic Misconduct in the current University Calendar. If you have questions about correct referencing, please consult your instructor.*

### Academic Accommodation:

If you are a student with a disability who requires academic accommodation and you have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. Once registered, please discuss any upcoming tests/examinations with the instructor **two weeks** before the scheduled date.

### Gnosis:

Gnosis is the Religious Studies Student Club. For membership or more information please email: [gnosis@ucalgary.ca](mailto:gnosis@ucalgary.ca) or visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/~gnosis>.

### COURSE SCHEDULE

<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Textbook Chapters, Assignments, and Tests</b>
<b>First</b>	May 16	Chs. 1-3 First Assignment
	17	Chs. 4-6 Second Assignment
	18	Chs. 7-9 Third Assignment
	19	Chs. 10-12 Fourth Assignment
<b>Second</b>	23	TEST #1 Chs. 13-15 Fifth Assignment
	24	Chs. 16-18 Sixth Assignment
	25	Chs. 19-21 Seventh Assignment
	26	Chs. 22-24 Eighth Assignment
<b>Third</b>	30	TEST #2 Chs. 25-27 Ninth Assignment
	31	Chs. 28-30 Tenth Assignment
	June 1	Chs. 31-33 Eleventh Assignment
	2	Chs. 34-37 Twelfth Assignment
	6	TEST #3