**Hebrew 3B03 Intermediate Hebrew: Course Syllabus January 2020**

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Class Times: Monday 6:30 – 8:30 pm UH 122

 Wednesday 9:30 am UH 122

**Components of the course and Evaluation**

1. Attendance at class: regular attendance is the expected norm. If you are not able to be at class because of illness or another significant reason, it is only polite to contact the instructor, preferably before the class time or as soon after as possible.

 Repeated absences will affect your participation mark.

1. The main focus of the course will be a close reading of passages of Biblical Hebrew. You are expected to prepare the text before class. You will want to come to class with your written notes; questions on words and forms that you are uncertain about; and a literal translation of the text.

1. Systematic refer of grammar: emphasis this term will be ongoing review of verbal forms, special focus on nominal forms, suffixes, syntax of sentences, conditional sentences, etc.

Allocation:

Participation and class preparation: 35%

Midterm: 20%

Short quizzes: 15%

Final exam: 30%

**Weekly Outline**  (EXACT CONTENT OF EACH CLASS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH NOTICE)

Week 1: Jan. 6: Introductory Class

 Jan 8: Grammar

Week 2: Jan 13: Qoheleth 1:1–18 (Ben Zvi)

 Jan 15: Grammar & Vocabulary

Week 3: Jan 20: Psalm 15; (Ben Zvi); Psalm 23

 Jan 22: Grammar & Vocabulary

Week 4: Jan 27 1 Kings 17 (Holmstead)

 Jan 29: Grammar & Vocabulary

Week 5: Feb. 3: 1 Kings 17–18 (Holmstead)

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Week 6: Feb. 10: Gen 1:1–2:3? or Gen 22?

 Feb. 12: Midterm test?

Week 7: Feb. 17: READING WEEK

Week 8: Feb. 24: Exodus 19:14- 20:17

 Feb. 26: Grammar

Week 9: March 2: Poetry -- to be decided

 March 4: Grammar

Week 10: March 9: Introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls

 March 11: Grammar or reading

Week 11: March 16: Community Rule

 March 18: NO CLASS

Week 12: March 23: Community Rule

 March 25: Grammar

Week 13: March 30: A Thanksgiving Psalm

 April 1: Review

Week 14: April 6: Final test?