HURON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Hebrew 1030 (550) - Beginner Modern Hebrew
Fall/Winter 2022 - 2023
Instructor: Nechama Ishai

Lecture: Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30am – 10:30am, HC- W112

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No classes on:
Thursday September 27 – Rosh Hashanah
Tuesday October 11 – Sukkot
Thursday April 6 - Passover

Course Description
This course provides students with an introduction to the language, both spoken and written. Fundamentals of grammatical structures with emphasis on vocabulary building and comprehension of modern Hebrew texts through reading of short stories and discussions. Students will learn to understand and produce texts in modern Hebrew. Each lesson emphasizes all four skills (reading, comprehension, speaking, and writing) so that students will feel comfortable to use their skills.

Course Learning Objectives
This course will enable students to recognize the fundamental structures of Hebrew and its basic forms as well as to acquire the necessary vocabulary for everyday conversations. Lessons will help students incorporate all of the language skills (comprehension, conversation, reading, and writing) with exposure to a wide range of vocabulary and language structure.

Learning Outcomes
Upon completing this course you should be able to:

Oral Communication
- understand the main ideas in a discussion on a variety of topics
- be able to express some ideas and opinions clearly
- expand and effectively use a varied vocabulary

Reading Comprehension
- understand various Hebrew text

Written Expression
- write coherently in consideration of both form and content
- compose complex sentences
- produce narrative and descriptive writing

Grammar
- know the verb tenses and be able to conjugate verb forms in past and present tenses
- understand and properly apply the rules of gender
- be able to use the correct pronouns and suffixes
In-Class Activities
- conversations
- reading
- guided discussions
- grammar reviewing, learning, and practicing
- vocabulary enrichment
- individual and group work
- oral presentations

Grading
class participation and attendance 10%
quizzes 20%
oral presentation 10%
written 15%
first term in class test 15%
game 10%
final exam 20%

Text: Hebrew From Scratch I -by: Chayat S., Israeli S., Kobliner H.

Tentative Course Outline

September
First 7 units in the textbook
Additional readings
Vocabulary from these first 7 units
Grammar –
   Nouns with possessive pronoun suffixes
   Pronouns
   Nouns and adjectives in singular and plural form
   Prepositions and particles
   Begin simple verb conjugation in the present tense
   Writing and presenting simple dialogue

Vocabulary quiz – September 29

October
Lessons 1 and 2 in the textbook
Feminine and masculine numbers
Writing dialogue
Group oral presentation
Additional reading material- short story
Grammar –
  Verb conjugation
  Nouns and adjectives
  Prepositions

Reading comprehension quiz – October 6
Vocabulary written assignment in class – October 20
Grammar quiz (numbers) – October 27

November

Lessons 3 and 4 in the textbook
Readings – poetry and songs
Translating an English poem or song – due November 8
Writing a story about a given topic - November 24
Grammar –
  Verb conjugation – Pa’al past and present
  Prepositions
  Sentence structure – noun, pronoun, verb and adjective
  Question words

Vocabulary quiz - November 15
Grammar quiz – November 22
In class exam – November 29

December

Lesson 5
Reading passages
Written assignments in class
Group oral presentation

January 2023

Lessons 6 and 7
Short story readings
Verb conjugation
Prepositions
Oral Discussions and presentation

Written assignments in class - Ad for Kibbutz Hardof - January 12
  Written story (fairy tale) – January 26
Vocabulary quiz – January 19
February

Chapters 8 and 9 in textbook
Group discussions and presentations
Verb conjugation
Possessive state
Construct state
Prepositions

Comprehension/ vocabulary quiz – February 7
Grammar quiz: prepositions – February 21
Newspaper article – due February 23

March

Chapters 10 and 11
Readings
Group discussions and presentation
Verb conjugation
Nouns and adjectives

Grammar quiz – March 14
Vocabulary quiz – March 21
Puzzle/game due- March 30

April

Review of material
Final exam
Appendix to Course Outlines: Academic Policies & Regulations Fall/Winter 2022

Pandemic Contingency
Huron will continue to follow the guidance of public health and government officials. It is anticipated that there will be no further disruptions to in-person instruction. This is subject to change.

Student Code of Conduct
Membership in the community of Huron University College and Western University implies acceptance by every student of the principle of respect for the rights, responsibilities, dignity and well-being of others and a readiness to support an environment conducive to the intellectual and personal growth of all who study, work and live within it. Upon registration, students assume the responsibilities that such registration entails. While in the physical or online classroom, students are expected to behave in a manner that supports the learning environment of others. Please review the Student Code of Conduct at: https://huronatwestern.ca/sites/default/files/Res%20Life/Student%20Code%20of%20Conduct%20-%20Revised%20September%202019.pdf.

Prerequisite and Antirequisite Information
Students are responsible for ensuring that they have successfully completed all course prerequisites and that they have not completed any course antirequisites. Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

Attendance Regulations for Examinations
A student is entitled to be examined in courses in which registration is maintained, subject to the following limitations:

1) A student may be debarred from writing the final examination for failure to maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout the year.

2) Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or laboratory periods in any course will be reported to the Dean of the Faculty offering the course (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the Department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean of that Faculty, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course. The Dean of the Faculty offering the course will communicate that decision to the Dean of the Faculty of registration.

Review the policy on Attendance Regulations for Examinations here: Academic Calendar - Western University (uwo.ca)

Statement on Academic Offences
Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following website: Academic Calendar - Western University (uwo.ca). The appeals process is also outlined in this policy as well as more generally at the following website:
**Turnitin.com**
All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (http://www.turnitin.com).

**Statement on Use of Electronic Devices**
It is not appropriate to use electronic devices (such as, but not limited to, laptops, tablets, cell phones) in the classroom for non-classroom activities. Such activity is disruptive and distracting to other students and to the instructor, and can inhibit learning. Students are expected to respect the classroom environment and to refrain from inappropriate use of technology and other electronic devices in class.

**Statement on Use of Personal Response Systems (“Clickers”)**
Personal Response Systems (“clickers”) may be used in some classes. If clickers are to be used in a class, it is the responsibility of the student to ensure that the device is activated and functional. Students must see their instructor if they have any concerns about whether the clicker is malfunctioning. Students must use only their own clicker. If clicker records are used to compute a portion of the course grade:
- the use of somebody else’s clicker in class constitutes a scholastic offence
- the possession of a clicker belonging to another student will be interpreted as an attempt to commit a scholastic offence.

**Academic Consideration for Missed Work**
All students pursuing academic consideration, regardless of type, must contact their instructors no less than 24 hours following the end of the period of absence to clarify how they will be expected to fulfill the academic responsibilities missed during their absence. Students are reminded that they should consider carefully the implications of postponing tests or midterm exams or delaying submission of work, and are encouraged to make appropriate decisions based on their specific circumstances.

Students who have conditions for which academic accommodation is appropriate, such as disabilities or ongoing or chronic health conditions, should work with Accessible Education Services to determine appropriate forms of accommodation. Further details concerning policies and procedures may be found at: http://academicsupport.uwo.ca/.

**Policy on Academic Consideration for a Medical/ Non-Medical Absence**

(a) Consideration on **Medical Grounds** for assignments worth *less than 10%* of final grade:
Consult Instructor Directly and Contact Academic Advising
When seeking consideration on medical grounds for assignments worth less than 10% of the final course grade, the student should contact the instructor directly. The student need only share broad outlines of the medical situation. The instructor may require the student to submit documentation to the academic advisors, in which case she or he will advise the student and inform the academic advisors to expect documentation. If documentation is requested, the student will need to complete and submit the Student Medical Certificate. The instructor may not collect medical documentation. The advisors will contact the instructor when the medical documentation is received, and will outline the severity and duration of the medical challenge as expressed on the Student Medical Certificate and in any other supporting documentation. The student will be informed that the instructor has been notified of the presence of medical documentation, and will be instructed to work as quickly as possible with the instructor on an agreement for accommodation.

b) Medical Grounds for assignments worth 10% or more of final grade: Go Directly to Academic Advising

University Senate policy, which can be found at Academic Calendar - Western University (uwo.ca) requires that all student requests for accommodation on medical grounds for assignments worth 10% or more of the final grade be made directly to the academic advising office of the home faculty (for Huron students, the “home faculty” is Huron), with supporting documentation in the form (minimally) of the Senate-approved Student Medical Certificate found at: https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf. The documentation is submitted in confidence and will not be shown to instructors. The advisors will contact the instructor when the medical documentation is received, and will outline the severity and duration of the medical challenge as expressed on the Student Medical Certificate and in any other supporting documentation. The student will be informed that the instructor has been notified of the presence of medical documentation, and will be instructed to work as quickly as possible with the instructor on an agreement for accommodation. The instructor will not normally deny accommodation where appropriate medical documentation is in place and where the duration it describes aligns with the due date(s) of assignment(s). Before denying a request for accommodation on medical grounds, the instructor will consult with the Dean. The instructor’s decision is appealable to the Dean.

c) Consideration on Non-Medical Grounds: Consult Huron Support Services/Academic Advising, or email huronsss@uwo.ca.

Students seeking academic consideration for a non-medical absence (e.g. varsity sports, religious, compassionate, or bereavement) will be required to provide appropriate documentation. All consideration requests must include a completed Consideration Request Form. Late penalties may apply at the discretion of the instructor.

Please review the full policy on Academic Consideration for medical and non-medical absence at: accommodation_medical.pdf (uwo.ca). Consult Huron Academic Advising at huronsss@uwo.ca for any further questions or information.

Support Services
For advice on course selections, degree requirements, and for assistance with requests for medical accommodation, students should email an Academic Advisor in Huron’s Student Support Services at
An outline of the range of services offered is found on the Huron website at: https://huronatwestern.ca/student-life/student-services/.

Department Chairs, Program Directors and Coordinators are also able to answer questions about individual programs. Contact information can be found on the Huron website at: https://huronatwestern.ca/contact/faculty-staff-directory/.

If you think that you are too far behind to catch up or that your workload is not manageable, you should consult your Academic Advisor. If you are considering reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses, this must be done by the appropriate deadlines. Please refer to the Advising website, https://huronatwestern.ca/student-life/student-services/academic-advising/ or review the list of official Sessional Dates on the Academic Calendar, available here: http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/SessionalDates.cfm.

You should consult with the course instructor and the Academic Advisor who can help you consider alternatives to dropping one or more courses. Note that dropping a course may affect OSAP and/or Scholarship/Bursary eligibility.

Huron University College Student Council: https://huronatwestern.ca/student-life/beyond-classroom/hucsc/
Western USC: http://westernusc.ca/your-services/#studentservices

Wellness and Health Supports at Huron and Western
University students may encounter setbacks from time to time that can impact academic performance. Huron offers a variety of services that are here to support your success and wellbeing. All Huron staff and faculty have received training on responding to disclosures of Gender-Based Sexual Violence (GBSV); students should know that the Community Safety Office is a resource for survivors, providing support and, if desired, guidance while referring them to the further supports that they may require. Please visit https://huronatwestern.ca/student-life-campus/student-services/wellness-safety for more information or contact staff directly:

Wellness Services:
huronwellness@huron.uwo.ca Community Safety Office: safety@huron.uwo.ca
Additional supports for Health and Wellness may be found and accessed at Western through, https://www.uwo.ca/health/.

Western Calendar - Policy Pages -

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