

HURON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Hebrew 2200 - Intermediate Modern Hebrew

Fall 2018

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Course Description

This course provides students who already have a basic knowledge of grammatical structures with a more in-depth study of the language and attention to verb conjugation, noun forms, and syntactic structure of modern Hebrew. Students will learn to understand and produce texts in modern Hebrew through exposure to literature, poetry, and everyday conversation. 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 ideas and opinions clearly and fluently
- describe situations and actions using the correct forms of the verbs and nouns
- expand and effectively use a more precise and varied vocabulary

Reading Comprehension

- understand various Hebrew text documents

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 the 7 verb forms in past, present, and future 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	20%
first term in class test	20%
final exam	20%

Classes will not meet on the following days

Tuesday September 11, 2018 - Rosh Hashanah

Tuesday September 25, 2018 - Sukkot

Tuesday October 2, 2018 - Simchat Torah

Textbook: TBA

Date	Lesson Outline (tentative)
Sept 6	Introduction, comprehension -conversational and reading, written review of material that should be known to students at this level.
Sept 13	Discussion, grammar review, verbs and “milot yachas”
Sept 18	Reading comprehension and discussion of reading material (story) -vocabulary Grammar - prepositions "את" and "על", the verb “to be” “להיות”
Sept 20	Vocabulary quiz Reading and writing dialogues, Writing assignment “Where will I be in 10 years?” presentation of dialogue. Grammar - conjugating verbs in "Binyan Pa'al". Parts of Speech: noun, adjective and verb
Sept 27	Readings - Discussion about some of the readings, writing reflections about the readings. Grammar: conjugating "אצל", dual form, review verb conjugation of the verb “היה”

Oct 4	-Individual short story study - nouns and adjectives masculine and feminine forms -sentence structure -possessive
Oct 16	Book Report - hand out different stories for the students to choose for book report Due Dec 6 -500 words Verb conjugation - stem and pronoun suffix
Oct 18	Readings, discussions and review Grammar - verb charts in "פעל" "פיעל" "נפעל" בניין
Oct 23	Grammar quiz Readings group conversation and discussion
Oct 25	Writing a diary entry example: why I'm continuing to study Hebrew Grammar- verb conjugation with the infinitive
Oct 30	In groups - Each group will put together a newspaper with individuals writing articles for the paper. Due Nov 22 -Feminine and masculine nouns and numbers
Nov 1	Diary entry due -Causal Conjunction and Causal Clause -prepositions Conjugating milot yachas
Nov 6	Comprehension quiz In class composition
Nov 8	Reading short stories -review of the stories -presentation of the review Grammar - sentence structure and verb conjugation
Nov 13	Vocabulary, numbers and verb conjugation Reading and comprehension - oral discussion Grammar quiz
Nov 15	Group discussions on newspaper article Group presentation
Nov 20	Vocabulary review Verb conjugation and sentence structure
Nov 22	Verb conjugation – future tense Newspaper due
Nov 27	Readings Review for exam
Nov 29	In class exam
Dec 4	Reading poems Verb conjugation
Dec 6	Book reports due Writing and presenting a play



The Appendix to Course Outlines is posted on the OWL course site.