

**Department of the Old testament
2020/21, 1st Semester (Fall)**

Biblical Hebrew

name of the subject	Biblical Hebrew		
responsible person of the subject	Ph.D. László S. Egeresi		
instructor:	Ph.D. László S. Egeresi		
language:	English		
grading:	tests		
lessons per week	2		

Purpose and aimed skills of the course:

- 1st step: the Hebrew among the languages: the West Semitic languages, the history of the Hebrew language, extra-Biblical written materials;
- 2nd: reading in Hebrew (learning the Hebrew alphabet, consonants, and reading rules, practising the reading)
- 3rd: the pronouns
- the noun (classification, gender, number, declination etc.)
- the adverb
- the verb (the root, the stem, the structure of the classical Hebrew verb conjugation, the applied special linguistic terms and their meaning)
- the first group of verbs: the strong verbs

By the end of the term you will read fluently in Hebrew and possess a basic knowledge of the language, and an initial knowledge of verb conjugation.

Compulsory literature:

- Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia – the standard scholarly edition of the Hebrew Bible.
- Weingreen, J.: Practical Grammar for Classical Hebrew (Oxford: OUP, 1959²) – though an older grammar, still very useful: it is free from heavy technicalities and featuring Hebrew-English and English-Hebrew exercises, introduces you as quickly as possible to a working knowledge of classical Hebrew. Available also in pdf format from the lecturer and it has a Hungarian translation, too!

Suggested literature:

Seow, C.L.: A Grammar for Biblical Hebrew (Nashville: Abingdon Press, revised edition!)
Egeresi László S.: A biblia héber nyelv tankönyve (Budapest: Kálvin Kiadó, 2020⁴ - the lecturer's own workbook, used widely in the Hungarian education – we use only the practices and the tablets from this grammar, the vocabulary at the end of the book is a good chance to improve your Hungarian! Beginners, re-beginners welcomed!