

MTG211.7 Biblical Hebrew for Exegesis

Name of Unit 1 (Unit Code 1)
Biblical Hebrew for Exegesis (MTG211.7)

SECTION 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

Administrative details

Associated higher education awards	Duration	Level	Unit Coordinator
Bachelor	One semester	Advanced	Dr Chris Johnstone

Core or elective unit

Indicate if the unit is a

- core unit
 elective unit
 other (please specify below):

Core or Elective: Bachelor of Theology,
Elective: Bachelor of Ministry

Unit weighting

Using the table below, indicate the credit point weighting of this unit and the credit point total for the course of study (for example, 10 credit points for the unit and 320 credit points for the course of study).

Unit credit points	Total course credit points
6 credit points	144 credit points

Student workload

Using the table below, indicate the expected student workload per week for this unit.

No. timetabled hours per week	No. personal study hours per week	Total workload hours per week
3	6	9

For those students requiring additional English language support, how many additional hours per week is it expected that they will undertake?

Additional English language support: 0 hours per week

Pre-requisites and co-requisites

Are students required have undertaken a prerequisite or co-requisite unit for this unit?

Yes No

If **YES**, provide details of the prerequisite or co-requisite requirements below.

Prerequisites: MTG210.7 Engaging the Biblical Languages; MTG200.7 Interpreting the Old Testament

SECTION 2 – ACADEMIC DETAILS**Brief description of the content of the unit**

This unit introduces students to first-year biblical Hebrew to facilitate the exegesis of the Hebrew Bible, with the assistance of academic Bible software. It connects strongly with the MTC formation domain, *Engaging God's Story*. The unit builds on the knowledge and skills gained through Interpreting the Old Testament and, especially, Engaging the Biblical Languages and places emphasis on understanding biblical Hebrew and its significance for exegesis of the Old Testament. Students learn the effective use of Bible software to assist with vocabulary and morphology, and analyse Hebrews texts, engaging critically with Hebrew-based lexicons, grammars and commentaries and with the discussions of textual critics. On completion of this unit, students, with the aid of Bible software, will confidently and faithfully exegete biblical Hebrew texts and present their findings to contemporary audiences.

Learning outcomes for the unit

- 1) Analyse biblical Hebrew texts, explaining the significance of key lexical, syntactical, and grammatical features
- 2) Produce expositions of biblical Hebrew texts, through critical use of Hebrew-based lexicons, grammars and commentaries
- 3) Creatively communicate clear and coherent expositions of biblical Hebrew texts to contemporary audiences

Assessment tasks

Type	Learning Outcome/s assessed	When assessed – year, session and week	Weighting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analytical Exercises x 10 Students analyse various biblical Hebrew texts, explaining the significance of key lexical, syntactical, and grammatical features. (2000 words equiv., 200 words each) 	1	Weeks 1-5 & 7-11	40% (equally weighted)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exposition x 2 Students produce two detailed written expositions of biblical Hebrew texts, through critical use of Hebrew-based lexicons, grammars and commentaries. (2000 words; 800 words & 1200 words) 	1 & 2	Wks 6 & 12	40%

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Type	Learning Outcome/s assessed	When assessed – year, session and week	Weighting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations x 2 Based on their expositions (see assessment task 2), students produce two multimedia presentations for contemporary audiences, illustrating insights gained from the analysis of the Hebrew text: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a 5-min devotional • a 12-min sermon or teaching session (1000 words equiv.; 250 words and 750 words) 	3	Devotional Wk 7 Sermon/Teaching Wk 13	20% (Devotional 5% Sermon/Teaching 15%)

2.1 Prescribed and recommended readings

Prescribed reading:

Pratico, Gary D., and Miles V. Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Grammar*. 3rd ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2019.

———. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Workbook*. 3rd ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2019.

Williams, Michael. *The Biblical Hebrew Companion for Bible Software Users: Grammatical Terms Explained for Exegesis*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2015.

Recommended reading:

Arnold, Bill T., and John H. Choi. *A Guide to Biblical Hebrew Syntax*. 2nd ed. Cambridge; New York, NY: CUP, 2018.

Brotzman, Ellis R. and Eric J. Tully. *Old Testament Textual Criticism*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2016.

Brown, F., S. Driver, and C. Briggs, eds. *The Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew-English Lexicon*. Reprint edition. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1991.

Brown, William P. *A Handbook to Old Testament Exegesis*. Louisville, KY: WJKP, 2017.

Chisholm, Robert B. Jr. *From Exegesis to Exposition: A Practical Guide to Using Biblical Hebrew*. Subsequent ed. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic & Brazos Press, 2012.

Clines, David J. A. *Concise Dictionary of Classical Hebrew*. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix, 2009.

Cook, John, and Robert Holmstedt. *Intermediate Biblical Hebrew: An Illustrated Grammar*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2020.

Elliger, K. and W. Rudolph, *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*. Stuttgart, Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft: 1997.

Holladay, William L. *Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1972.

Howell, Adam J., Benjamin L. Merkle, Robert L. Plummer, and Miles Van Pelt. *Hebrew for Life: Strategies for Learning, Retaining, and Reviving Biblical Hebrew*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2020.

Noonan, Benjamin. *Advances in the Study of Biblical Hebrew and Aramaic: New Insights for Reading the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Academic, 2020.

Patton, Matthew, and Frederic Putnam. *Basics of Hebrew Discourse: A Guide to Working with Hebrew Prose and Poetry*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Academic, 2019.

Seow, C. L. *A Grammar for Biblical Hebrew*. Rev. ed. Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 2013.

Stuart, Douglas K. *Old Testament Exegesis: A Handbook for Students and Pastors*. 4th ed. Louisville, KY: WJKP, 2009.

Tov, Emanuel. *Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible*. 3rd ed. Rev & Exp. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress, 2011.

Van der Merwe, C. H. J., J. A. Naudé, and Jan Kroeze. *A Biblical Hebrew Reference Grammar*. 2nd ed. London; New York, NY: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2017.

Vangemeren, Willem, ed. *New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology & Exegesis*. Vol. 1–5. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1997.

Williams, Ronald J., and John C Beckman. *Williams' Hebrew Syntax*. 3rd ed. repr. Toronto, ON: TUP, 2010.

