

BI 220W HEBREW LANGUAGE I

Instructor: May Burt Persaud

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Elective

Open to all students

2 credit hours; credit/no-credit or letter grade

Course Description:

This elective course is an introduction to the Hebrew Bible Language. Students will learn Hebrew grammar and vocabulary through the process of immersion in selected texts. Successful completion in the fall semester course is a pre-requisite for admission to the second semester course.

Course Objectives:

In this course, we engage several of the 12 Pastoral-Diaconal Practices that are critical to the mission and vision of Wartburg Theological Seminary. We engage in the *Practice of Biblical and Theological Wisdom*. We practice *Complex Analysis* and *Curiosity*. We develop the *Practice of Personal Faith and Integrity*. And with texts of so long ago and from the Hebrew world, we engage the *Practice with Cross-Cultural and Global Dimensions* and *Immersion in the Context*. Finally, in the study of the Hebrew Bible, we practice *Being Rooted in the Gospel* and *Missio Dei*.

Procedure: Students will work through Grammar I, with attention to translation of selected Hebrew texts.

Evaluation:

Students will be evaluated on the basis of attendance, translations/exams prepared for class, and participation in class discussions.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Required:

Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia

Holladay, William L. *A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*.

Suggested:

Kelley, Page. *Biblical Hebrew*.