

**OT 1152 Introductory Biblical Hebrew**  
**PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**  
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**Course Description**

An introduction to the elements of classical Hebrew grammar, with an emphasis on reading the Hebrew Bible. Standard reference works for biblical exegesis will be presented.

- This course does not fulfill Biblical Studies Department distribution requirements.
- 6 credits.

**Course Objectives**

1. This course will introduce students to Biblical Hebrew.
2. Students will acquire a basic Biblical Hebrew vocabulary.
3. Students will read the text of the Hebrew Bible in its original language.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

As a result of this course, students will be able to:

1. read biblical Hebrew with the assistance of a dictionary. (MDiv 1; MATS 1, 2)
2. parse all biblical Hebrew grammatical forms. (MDiv 1; MATS 1, 2)
3. use their ability to read biblical Hebrew in the service of the ministry to which they are called. (MDiv 3; MATS 2)

The information at the end of each learning outcome connects the course outcome to a particular degree program and learning outcome(s). Students may access the learning outcomes here: [PTS Learning Outcomes](#).

## Course Requirements

### Essential Bibliography including Required Textbooks and other Readings

C. L. Seow, *A Grammar for Biblical Hebrew* (Revised Edition)

*The Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon*

*Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*

### Attendance

According to the *Seminary Handbook* (6.5.2), “It is normally expected that an enrolled student will attend a minimum of eighty percent of class periods. Failure to satisfy this minimum attendance requirement constitutes grounds for failure of the course.”

In order to receive credit for homework assignments, students *must be present* at the precept meeting at which the assignment is covered.

## Calculation of Grade

| <i>Assignments</i>         | <i>Percent of Final Grade</i> |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Weekly Quizzes</b>      | <b>30%</b>                    |
| <b>Homework Completion</b> | <b>30%</b>                    |
| <b>Final Examination</b>   | <b>40%</b>                    |

## Grading Scale

Letter

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|----|--------|
| A+ | 98–100 |
| A  | 94–97  |
| A- | 90–93  |
| B+ | 87–89  |
| B  | 84–86  |
| B- | 80–83  |
| C+ | 77–79  |
| C  | 74–76  |
| C- | 70–73  |

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|----|-------|
| D+ | 67–69 |
| D  | 64–66 |
| D- | 60–63 |
| F  | 0–59  |

P/D/F

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| P | 70–100 |
| D | 60–99  |
| F | 0–59   |

### Course Schedule

Below you will find a detailed course calendar with due dates for quizzes and assignments. Assignments will include the following:

- 1) Reading portions of Seow’s grammar
- 2) Watching video mini-lectures
- 3) Studying flashcard sets on Quizlet and taking practice (ungraded) tests
- 4) Completing exercises contained at the end of each lesson in Seow’s grammar
- 5) Taking a (graded) quiz each Tuesday. A study guide for each week’s quiz will be posted on Blackboard each Tuesday evening for the quiz due the following Tuesday
- 6) Taking a final examination at the end of the summer

Assignments may be completed at any time that is convenient for each student’s schedule, but the exercises contained at the end of each lesson in Seow’s grammar *must* be completed before the indicated precept meeting during which they will be discussed and reviewed. These assignments will be graded for *completion* (that is, they must be finished, but no points will be deducted for incorrect answers). Except in extraordinary circumstances and with the express permission of the instructor (i.e., Dr. Dewrell) granting an exception, any absences from precept meetings will result in that day’s assignment as being marked incomplete. *Students must be present at their precept meetings in order to receive credit for having done their homework for that day.*

## Detailed Course Calendar

All assignments are to be completed *before* your precept meeting on the indicated date. All times are Eastern Daylight Time.

### Week 1

Monday, June 27:

*Optional* Introductory Webex meetings with Dr. Dewrell at 10:00am or 7:00pm (There is no need to attend more than one of these meetings.)

*Optional* Introductory meeting with the Office of Digital Learning at 3:00pm

Tuesday, June 28:

- 1) Read Seow Lesson I
- 2) Watch the Lesson 1 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson I
- 4) Begin Studying the Week 2 Quiz Study Guide
- 5) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson I Exercises Completed

Wednesday, June 29:

- 1) Continue Studying the Week 2 Quiz Study Guide
- 2) Attend Bonus Meeting(s) with Dr. Dewrell

Thursday, June 30:

- 1) Read Seow Lesson II
- 2) Watch the Lesson 2 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson II
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 2 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 2 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson II Exercises Completed

Friday, July 1:

- 1) Read Seow Lesson III
- 2) Watch the Lesson 3 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson III
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 3 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 2 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson III Exercises Completed

### Week 2

Monday, July 4

Independence Day: No Precept Meetings

Continue studying for the Week 2 Quiz

Tuesday, July 5

- 1) Read Seow Lesson IV
- 2) Watch the Lesson 4 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson IV
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 4 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 2 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson IV Exercises Completed

7) Before 11:59pm EDT: Take Week 2 Quiz and Submit It to Your Preceptor

Wednesday, July 6

- 1) Begin Studying the Week 3 Quiz Study Guide
- 2) Attend Bonus Meeting(s) with Dr. Dewrell at either 10:00am, 3:00pm, or 7:00pm

Thursday, July 7

- 1) Read Seow Lesson V
- 2) Watch the Lesson 5 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson V
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 5 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 3 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson V Exercises Completed

Friday, July 8

- 1) Read Seow Lesson VI
- 2) Watch the Lesson 6 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson VI
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 6 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 3 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson VI Exercises Completed

### Week 3

Monday, July 11

- 1) Read Seow Lesson VII
- 2) Watch the Lesson 7 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson VII
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 7 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 3 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson VII Exercises Completed

Tuesday, July 12

- 1) Read Seow Lesson VIII
- 2) Watch the Lesson 8 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson VIII
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 8 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 3 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson VIII Exercises Completed
- 7) Before 11:59pm EDT: Take Week 3 Quiz and Submit It to Your Preceptor

Wednesday, July 13

- 1) Begin Studying the Week 4 Quiz Study Guide
- 2) Attend Bonus Meeting(s) with Dr. Dewrell at either 10:00am, 3:00pm, or 7:00pm

Thursday, July 14

- 1) Read Seow Lesson IX
- 2) Watch the Lesson 9 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson IX
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 9 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 4 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson IX Exercises Completed

Friday, July 15

- 1) Read Seow Lesson X
- 2) Watch the Lesson 10 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson X
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 10 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 4 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson X Exercises Completed

#### Week 4

Monday, July 18

- 1) Read Seow Lesson XI
- 2) Watch the Lesson 11 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson XI
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 11 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 4 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson XI Exercises Completed

Tuesday, July 19

- 1) Read Seow Lesson XII
- 2) Watch the Lesson 12 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson XII
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 12 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 4 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson XII Exercises Completed
- 7) Before 11:59pm EDT: Take Week 4 Quiz and Submit It to Your Preceptor

Wednesday, July 20

- 1) Begin Studying the Week 5 Quiz Study Guide
- 2) Attend Bonus Meeting(s) with Dr. Dewrell at either 10:00am, 3:00pm, or 7:00pm

Thursday, July 21

- 1) Read Seow Lesson XIII
- 2) Watch the Lesson 13 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson XIII
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 13 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 5 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson XIII Exercises Completed

Friday, July 22

- 1) Read Seow Lesson XIV
- 2) Watch the Lesson 14 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson XIV
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 14 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 5 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson XIV Exercises Completed

#### Week 5

Monday, July 25

- 1) Read Seow Lesson XV
- 2) Watch the Lesson 15 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson XV

- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 15 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 5 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson XV Exercises Completed

Tuesday, July 26

- 1) Read Seow Lesson XVI
- 2) Watch the Lesson 16 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson XVI
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 16 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 5 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson XII Exercises Completed
- 7) Before 11:59pm EDT: Take Week 5 Quiz and Submit It to Your Preceptor

Wednesday, July 27

- 1) Begin Studying the Week 6 Quiz Study Guide
- 2) Attend Bonus Meeting(s) with Dr. Dewrell at either 10:00am, 3:00pm, or 7:00pm

Thursday, July 28

- 1) Read Seow Lesson XVII
- 2) Watch the Lesson 17 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson XVII
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 17 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 6 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson XVII Exercises Completed

Friday, July 29

- 1) Read Seow Lesson XVIII
- 2) Watch the Lesson 18 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson XVIII
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 18 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 6 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson XVIII Exercises Completed

## Week 6

Monday, August 1

- 1) Read Seow Lesson XIX
- 2) Watch the Lesson 19 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson XIX
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 19 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 6 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson XIX Exercises Completed

Tuesday, August 2

- 1) Read Seow Lesson XX
- 2) Watch the Lesson 20 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson XX
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 20 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 6 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson XX Exercises Completed
- 7) Before 11:59pm EDT: Take Week 6 Quiz and Submit It to Your Preceptor

Wednesday, August 3

- 1) Begin Studying the Week 7 Quiz Study Guide
- 2) Attend Bonus Meeting(s) with Dr. Dewrell at either 10:00am, 3:00pm, or 7:00pm

Thursday, August 4

- 1) Read Seow Lesson XXI
- 2) Watch the Lesson 21 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson XXI
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 21 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 7 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson XXI Exercises Completed

Friday, August 5

- 1) Read Seow Lesson XXII
- 2) Watch the Lesson 22 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson XXII
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 22 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 7 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson XXII Exercises Completed

### Week 7

Monday, August 8

- 1) Read Seow Lesson XXIII
- 2) Watch the Lesson 23 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson XXIII
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 23 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 7 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson XXIII Exercises Completed

Tuesday, August 9

- 1) Read Seow Lesson XXIV
- 2) Watch the Lesson 24 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson XXIV
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 24 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 7 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson XXIV Exercises Completed
- 7) Before 11:59pm EDT: Take Week 7 Quiz and Submit It to Your Preceptor

Wednesday, August 10

- 1) Begin Studying the Week 8 Quiz Study Guide
- 2) Attend Bonus Meeting(s) with Dr. Dewrell at either 10:00am, 3:00pm, or 7:00pm

Thursday, August 11

- 1) Read Seow Lesson XXV
- 2) Watch the Lesson 25 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson XXV
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 25 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 8 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson XXV Exercises Completed

Friday, August 12

- 1) Read Seow Lesson XXVI
- 2) Watch the Lesson 26 Mini-Lectures

- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson XXVI
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 26 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 8 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson XXVI Exercises Completed

### Week 8

Monday, August 15

- 1) Read Seow Lesson XXVII
- 2) Watch the Lesson 27 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson XXVII
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 27 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 8 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson XXVII Exercises Completed

Tuesday, August 16

- 1) Read Seow Lesson XXVIII
- 2) Watch the Lesson 28 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson XXVIII
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 28 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Week 8 Quiz Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson XXVIII Exercises Completed
- 7) Before 11:59pm EDT: Take Week 8 Quiz and Submit It to Your Preceptor

Wednesday, August 17

- 1) Begin Studying the Final Exam Study Guide
- 2) Attend Bonus Meeting(s) with Dr. Dewrell at either 10:00am, 3:00pm, or 7:00pm

Thursday, August 18

- 1) Read Seow Lesson XXIX
- 2) Watch the Lesson 29 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson XXIX
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 29 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Final Exam Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson XXIX Exercises Completed

Friday, August 19

- 1) Read Seow Lesson XXX
- 2) Watch the Lesson 30 Mini-Lectures
- 3) Complete all Exercises for Seow Lesson XXX
- 4) Study the Quizlet Sets in the Lesson 30 Folder
- 5) Continue Studying the Final Exam Study Guide
- 6) Attend Precept Meeting with Seow Lesson XXX Exercises Completed
- 7) Take Final Exam and Submit It to Dr. Dewrell No Later Than Sunday, August 21 at 11:59pm EDT

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In keeping with the seminary’s policy, no food will be allowed in the classroom. Beverages (i.e., water, soda, juice, tea, coffee) with lids are permitted (*Seminary Handbook*, 9.4).

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