

# **Hebrew 2040**

## **Fall 2004**

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## **Shalom!**

Welcome to Hebrew 2040, Intermediate Hebrew. This is the third year that Hebrew is being offered at UNT, and we are delighted you have decided to take the class. This is a three-credit-hour course, which will continue in the Spring Semester.

Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. in Room 312.

## **Course Description**

This course will build on your basic knowledge of Modern Hebrew, as it is written and spoken in Israel today. Classes will be highly interactive, with conversations, tapes, songs and games, using as much Hebrew as possible. There will be a lot of teamwork, as we split into groups to practice new material. Most written work will be handled outside of class.

Required materials are the textbook *Hebrew From Scratch - Part I*, and *2000+ A Dictionary For Learners of Hebrew*, which you need to buy, and audiotapes or CDs, which I will distribute free. You do not need to return the tapes and CDs. You need to keep your work in a folder or binder all semester. Do not throw away any checked assignment until the end of the semester!

## **Course Objectives**

By the end of Fall Semester you should be able to:

- Improve your Hebrew speaking, reading and writing skills.
- Work with infinitives, numbers and contractions, and begin to use past tense.
- Deepen your understanding of the basic history and evolution of the Hebrew language, and familiarity with Israeli history and culture.

## **Attendance and Classwork**

I expect you to come to every class, to be on time, and to come prepared. Learning any language requires repetition and progression, and it is very easy to fall behind. If you cannot attend class, you are responsible for notifying me – and you are still responsible for turning in all assignments. Unexcused absences under University policy will detract from your grade.

Class participation is very important to learning a language and will be a significant part of your grade. This is your prime opportunity during the week to hear and speak Hebrew, and you should make the most of it.

You may bring water or soft drinks to class, but no food or gum. Hebrew sounds terrible when spoken through gum.

## **Assignments**

All assignments should be turned in on time. Write the whole sentence and not only the words in the blanks. The homework must be on my desk before the class starts. If you miss a class when an assignment is due, ask a classmate to turn it in for you, or turn it in the following class.

A missed assignment will earn a zero. Even if you do not fully understand the work, you will always get some credit for trying to do the exercise. Late homework will not earn more than a 70, and must be turned in within one week. After that, the assignment earns a zero.

## **Tests**

All exams for this course will be given only on the dates noted on the tentative schedule. My policy is to give make-up exams only for University-authorized absences, for religious holidays (after notification to me in writing within the first 15 days of the semester), and in cases of genuine emergency, such as a serious illness or a death in the family. In cases of emergency, to be eligible for a make-up exam, you must submit to me (a) written documentation for your excuse, and (b) a phone number I can call to verify excuses.

Cheating will not be tolerated. For UNT policies concerning cheating, including plagiarism, see the "Code of Student Conduct and Discipline" in the 2004-2005 Undergraduate Catalog.

## **Special Accommodation Request Procedure**

Any person with special circumstances covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act should register with the Office of Disability Accommodation, Suite 324, University Union Building, phone number 565-4323, and also inform me.

Reasonable adjustments will be made to accommodate the special needs of students with disabilities where such adjustments are necessary to provide equality of educational access.

## **Grades**

Here are the components of your final grade:

Class Participation	30 percent	Chapter Tests	15 percent
Homework	20 percent	Oral Presentation	5 percent
Pop Quizzes	10 percent	Final Exam	20 percent

The final exam will be Thursday, December 16, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## **Keep in Touch**

My office hours are Tuesdays from 10 – 11 a.m., and Thursdays from 1 – 2 p.m. in Room 203. Otherwise, feel free to call me on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 565-2311, or email me anytime at [rprecker@unt.edu](mailto:rprecker@unt.edu) to arrange a time to meet.

I hope we will have a wonderful, worthwhile semester as we build the UNT Hebrew program together. Please do not hesitate to let me know how you are doing, or what you need to succeed in this class.