

ELEMENTARY CLASSICAL HEBREW II

NESLANG 102 – JUDAIC STUDIES 121 – RELIGION 111



NESLANG 102: Elementary Classical Hebrew II*

and its prerequisite NESLANG 101: Elementary Classical Hebrew I, which is offered in the prior fall semester, are designed to equip the beginning student with the basic tools necessary for reading the Hebrew Bible (or Tanakh or Old Testament). The 101-102 sequence introduces the student to the basic grammar of Biblical or Classical Hebrew, its morphology (the study of word formation), phonology (the study of speech sounds), and syntax (the study of clause and sentence formation). In addition to mastering the grammar, NESLANG 102, like 101, requires the student to control a sizable working vocabulary of Classical Hebrew, as competency in grammar and lexicon best facilitates the goal of reading the Hebrew Bible. An accurate translation of the biblical text is the ultimate focus of the entire four-course sequence (101-102, 201-202) and translation is practiced from the start of 101 to the end of 202. The full four-course language sequence, NESLANG 101 thru 202 fulfills the LSA 4 semester foreign language requirement (LR) for undergraduates. *The Graduate component to this course is NESLANG 502 (with the instructor's permission).

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