

RELI 211: Classical Hebrew I: A Linguistic Introduction to the Hebrew Bible



This course offers an introduction to the history and culture of ancient Israel in the time of the Hebrew Bible (ca. 1000-200 BCE) through an exploration of the language of Classical (Biblical) Hebrew. The goals for the course consist of both a language and a culture component. On the language side, students will acquire the essentials for engagement with Biblical Hebrew (the alphabet, vowels, some basic grammar) while gaining an appreciation of what “Classical Hebrew” represents as a linguistic entity, including its relationship to later forms of Hebrew. Then, using the language component as an organizing framework, the course will delve deeper into topics related to the emergence of the Hebrew Bible and the culture of ancient Israel in the biblical period. No previous background in Hebrew is assumed.

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