DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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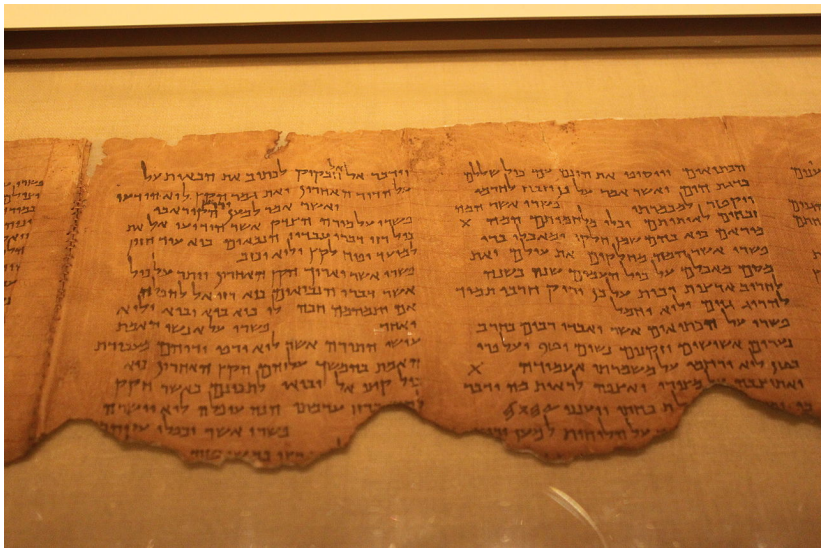
RELI 211
Classical Hebrew I: A Linguistic Intro to the Hebrew Bible



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Monday, Wednesday, Friday
10:10AM-11:00AM

General Education Requirements:
BN, WB

This course offers an introduction to the history and culture of ancient Israel in the time of the Hebrew Bible (approx. 1000-200 BCE) through exploring the language of Classical (Biblical) Hebrew. The course consists 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, including its relationship to later forms of Hebrew. Then, using the language topics as an organizing framework, the course will delve deeper into questions 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.