

## RELI 211

Classical Hebrew I: A Linguistic  
Intro to the Hebrew Bible

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**Monday, Wednesday, Friday**  
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**General Education  
Requirements:**



This course offers an introduction to the history and culture of ancient Israel in the time of the Hebrew Bible approx. 1200 BC 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.

