

## **HEBI 95970: Special Topics in Hebrew Bible - Introduction to Biblical Aramaic**

Instructor: Sandoval

Prerequisites: Admission to the HB track of Brite's BIIN PhD program; or permission of instructor.

Required Text: Frederick E. Greenspahn, *An Introduction to Aramaic* (Corrected Second Edition; Atlanta: SBL Press, 2007) ISBN: 9781589830592 \$50.00

Course Description: A rapid and intensive introduction to biblical Aramaic. Focus will be on reading and translation of the Aramaic texts of the Bible, including analysis of grammatical forms, syntax, etc. Significant independent study and preparation of Aramaic textbook lessons with in-class explanations and review of exercises.

Course Procedures: Independent reading and study of textbook lessons; in-class review of textbook lessons; in-class reading and translation of exercises from textbook; independent preparation of (other) exercises from textbook and reviews of this work in class.

Requirements: Class participants must commit to participating fully in a. the J-term intensive week of class sessions and study (including dedicating time to independent study and homework—see below), and b. the weekly 2 1/2-hour sessions during the first half of the Spring semester 2022.

*As Advanced Program students are often asked to complete assignments for regular semester long courses prior to the semester, class members are advised to plan accordingly. To be successful the intensive Aramaic course will require dedicated attention during the intensive week, leaving little time for other academic tasks.*

Other course requirements include: reading and study of textbook chapters as assigned; preparation of translation (and other) assignments from the textbook; mastery of basic and most common biblical Aramaic vocabulary items; an in-class final translation exam (with lexicon); a take-home final translation exam (with lexicon and other tools).

Grading:

Class participation: 25%

Translation/homework assignments: 25%

In-class final translation exam: 30%

Take-home final translation exam: 20%

Course Schedule:

Intensive Week = 18 Contact hours

Semester = 17 Contact hours over seven 2 ½ hour sessions

<b>INTENSIVE WEEK JAN 3-7</b>	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>
<b>Monday (chs. 1-6)</b>	9-12	1-3
<b>Tuesday</b>	Independent study/homework	1-3
<b>Wednesday (chs. 7-10)</b>	9-12	1-3
<b>Thursday</b>	Independent study/homework	1-3
<b>Friday (chs. 11-14)</b>	9-12	1-3

**Semester Sessions – 1:00-3:30 pm**

1/10

Review/Catch-up

1/17

MLK Holiday

1/24

Chs. 15-17

1/31

Chs. 18-20

2/7

Review/Catch-up

2/14

Chs. 21-23

2/21

Chs. 24-26

2/28

Review/Ch. 27

**3/7—3/11 Spring Break**

3/12

60 Minute in-class Final translation exam

3/19

No Class: Take Home Final translation exam Due