Academics - Pre-Autumn Intensive Biblical Language Courses

The Divinity School will offer the following intensive Pre-Autumn biblical language courses from Monday, August 29 to Friday, September 16, 2005, in the Martin Marty Center Library and Seminar Room, on the 2nd floor of Swift Hall.

BIBL 33900 Introductory Biblical Hebrew I
Anne Knafl M/T/W/Th/F 9:00-12:00 and some afternoons.

BIBL 35100 Elementary Koine Greek I
Janet Spittler M/T/W/Th/F 9:00-12:00 and some afternoons.

As the intensive language courses will appear on students’ transcripts as Autumn quarter courses, you will officially register for these courses the week of Monday, September 19th at the same time that you officially register for your Autumn courses.

Course Descriptions:

The Bible Area of the Divinity School each year offers a three-course sequence that introduces students to the essentials of vocabulary, grammar, syntax, and style of Biblical Hebrew and Koine Greek so that they can begin seriously reading the Hebrew Bible and New Testament in their original languages. Our curriculum emphasizes that philological excellence is simply mandatory for the study of these texts. These courses are geared in particular to the learning of the vocabulary, grammar and syntactical constructions that are prevalent in this literature, and to generating opportunities for students to read the biblical texts as soon as possible. The first and second quarters are devoted to those tasks, and constitute an inseparable sequence. Students may opt to take the third quarter (winter) which will emphasize advanced syntax and more rapid reading, as well as tools for exegesis, or they may choose to take an exegesis course conducted on the basis of the Hebrew or Greek text (or both)

Prerequisites:

All students who enroll in these courses must be able to attend all class sessions and be in a position to devote themselves entirely to language study for the three-week period, both during the day and in night-time study. Previous language study is not required.

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