



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Rothberg International School
Division of Hebrew Language Instruction



Syllabus for Level Dalet – Lower Advanced

General Information

- **Jerusalem Ulpan:** Generally 140 academic hours over up to six weeks in late June-July. Studies are held Sunday-Thursday, and occasionally on Friday, 5-6 academic hours per day.
- **Summer Ulpan:** Generally 200 academic hours over up to two months in August-September. Studies are held Sunday-Thursday, and occasionally on Friday, 5-6 academic hours per day.
- **Academic Year:** Courses are held on a semester basis. In the *Division of Undergraduate Studies*, classes extend over 11 weeks, 8 hours per week. Two additional academic hours of intensive class with emphasis on speaking are optional. Students who enroll for intensive classes will receive one grade for a total of 110 hours. In the *Division of Graduate Studies*, classes extend over 14 weeks, 10 academic hours per week, for a semester total of 140 academic hours. In the *Preparatory Program*, classes extend over 14 weeks, 10 academic hours per week, for a total of 140 academic hours.
- **Winter Ulpan:** Generally 100 academic hours over 3-4 weeks in between the autumn and spring semesters (January-February). Studies are held Sunday-Thursday, and occasionally on Friday, up to 6 academic hours per day.

Course Objective

The course is intended for students with a good command of Hebrew and concentrates on the written language, in particular literature and the press. Students read the popular Israeli daily newspapers as well as Israeli literature at the appropriate level. They expand their knowledge of synonyms and the subtle differences between words, as well as of idiomatic Hebrew. Vocabularies are substantially increased, and the students can now use a Hebrew dictionary without translation into their native languages. Students view Israeli films without subtitles. By the end of the course, the students should have a good command of most verbal and syntactical structures, including exceptions to the rules.

Examinations

The Mid-term exam contains four parts: reading comprehension, Cloze exercises, grammatical exercises and an essay.

The Final exam resembles the structure of the mid-term exam and encompasses all the material learned from the beginning of the course. Classes that do not complete a level write a final exam, according to the program requirements.

Note: Students in the Summer Ulpan take an additional exam on scientific text comprehension.

The Level exam is an external exam of the RIS Division of Hebrew Language Instruction. In order to continue studies in Level Heh, the student must achieve a minimum grade of 65 on the Level Exam.

Quizzes

Quizzes will be given on a regular basis.

Project

Students will write a project, based on various texts. e.g. literature, newspaper articles or films.

Books and Study Materials

Either - בין השורות -- **Between the lines** (Bein Ha – shurot) or עברית בדלת אמות – **At Home in Hebrew** (*Ivrit be-Dalet Amot*) or דלת לדלת – **Open Door to Level Dalet** (*Delet le-Dalet*), to be purchased from the Academon bookstore on campus or over the Internet: www.magnespress.co.il

Grammar books focusing on verbs will be purchased at the beginning of the course.

Audio Programs – שומעים עברית - (*Listening to Hebrew*) - for practicing oral comprehension in the Language Laboratory, can be purchased from the Academon bookstore on campus or over the Internet: www.magnespress.co.il

Multimedia courseware is available for free on the RIS website
<http://overseas.huji.ac.il/hebrewmultimedia>

Hebrew literary works, including poetry, available in the Rothberg School Library in book form and on CDs

Course Description

The course offers practice in reading academic material and understanding lectures on the university level.

- Comprehension: Listening to the news, radio and television programs, and lectures in regular Hebrew.
- Conversation: Conversations and discussions; lectures on topics in the students' areas of interest; meetings with Israelis held in regular Hebrew.
- Reading: Texts from various academic fields, the press and literature; extensive reading.
- Writing: Practical writing and the expression of opinions.
- Grammatical Skills: Enhanced perception of the construction of the language; broadening of grammatical knowledge.

Final Grade

The final grade is based on the following:

- Attendance, class participation, homework, quizzes, and project 50% (exact value of each component is according to the framework of the course)
- Mid-term exam: 15%
- Final exam or Level exam: 35%

Note: In order to advance to Level Heh, the student must pass the Level exam with a grade of at least 70.