

Syllabus for Level Dalet (4)

Course Objective

The course is intended to introduce students to "regular" Hebrew (vs. "easy" Hebrew) by exposing them to literature and scientific works as well as the press in authentic Hebrew. Students become familiar with synonyms and the subtle differences between words, as well as expressions and idioms in Hebrew. Students acquire the ability to watch films and interviews, as well as to comprehend lectures. Students should gain a good command of the various verbal structures including exceptions to the rules and become familiar with many syntactical structures.

Examinations

The midterm exam comprises all the material learned until the middle of the course.

The final exam resembles the structure of the midterm exam and comprises all the material learned throughout the course.

A **listening comprehension test** is held at the end of the course.

Quizzes will be given on a regular basis.

Project

Students will write a project based on various text genres and types such as literature, newspaper articles or films.

Course Description

Level Dalet has special significance because without completing this level, one cannot be admitted to regular studies at the Hebrew University:

• Listening comprehension: Listening to the news, recorded radio programs and lectures in easy Hebrew.

- Conversation: Conversations, discussions and short lectures based on the passages read and heard.
- Reading: Unadapted texts, simple bulletins and articles in regular Hebrew; extensive reading of books in easy Hebrew.
- Writing: Practical writing on topics discussed in class; writing about personal experiences; writing of structured compositions.
- Grammatical skills: Completion of syntactic study of main structures; study of the weak verb.

Final Grade

The final grade is based on the following:

- Homework, quizzes, project, listening comprehension test and midterm exam constitute 65% of the course grade (the exact value of each component is established according to the framework of the course).
- Final exam or level exam: 35%.
- To pass to the next level (or Aleph Advanced), students will be required to attain a minimum grade of 70 in the level exam and a minimum grade of 70 all other grade components.