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Syllabus for Level Heh (5)

General Information

Level Heh is the most advanced level out of Modern Hebrew language instruction at the Hebrew University. Students who pass the *P'tor* (Exemption) exam at the end of the course are exempt from further Hebrew study at the University, subject to their grade in this exam.

Course Objective

By the end of the course, students should have an excellent command of Hebrew. The course concentrates on the written language, especially scientific writing, as well as elements of Biblical Hebrew, literature from earlier periods and sophisticated journalistic writing. Students read the various Israeli daily newspapers as well as Israeli literature and scientific articles of varying lengths. They have a good command of synonyms and idiomatic Hebrew and understand the subtle differences between words. Their already substantial vocabularies now include many words from a wide variety of genres. Students generally can listen to most lectures with reasonable comprehension. They considerably improve their ability to write long essays in Hebrew on a wide range of topics, incorporating idiomatic language. By the end of the course, students should have a good command of all verbal and syntactical structures, including exceptions to the rules, and a rich vocabulary.

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.

Quizzes will be given on a regular basis.

Project

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

Course Description

This course is designed to deepen the student's knowledge of Hebrew in various fields:

- Listening comprehension: Listening to radio programs on an advanced level and watching regular television programs.
- Conversation: Increasing the vocabulary used in conversations and discussions, while placing emphasis on different language styles.
- Reading: Scientific articles, newspaper editorials, legal documents, prose and poetry passages.
- Writing: Practical writing according to communicative functions, according to models of persuasion, explanation, etc.
- Grammatical skills: Complementing student's linguistic knowledge; the handling of irregular forms.

Final Grade

The final grade is based on the following:

- Homework, quizzes, project, 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%.
- **Note:** In order to advance to pass the *P'tor* (Exemption) exam, students will be required to attain a minimum grade of 75 in the level exam and a minimum grade of 75 all other grade components.