

HEBREW

A division of the Department of Classical and Oriental Studies

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Majors Offered	Options in Major	Number Credits	Recommended Required GER	Prereq	Recommended Minor
BA in Hebrew		24 including a minimum of four courses at the 300 level in Hebrew. See head of Hebrew division.	consult program adviser	HEBR 101-102 or equivalent	Minors of 12 credits in all departments and programs leading to the BA degree are acceptable.
	Preparation for teaching 7-12	33 including 24 as above plus nine HEBR credits at the 300 and 400 levels.		HEBR 101-102 or equivalent	23-credit education sequence (see School of Education section)

The Hebrew Division of the Department of Classical and Oriental Studies offers a comprehensive program covering the main areas of Hebraic and Judaic studies, namely Biblical and post-Biblical studies, Talmudic and medieval literature, Hebrew language and modern Hebrew literature, Jewish philosophy and Kabbalah, Jewish legacy and folklore, contemporary Jewish literature and Israeli culture. This program is designed to develop language skills, cultivate a critical appreciation of Hebraic and Judaic literature and thought and promote an understanding of Jewish cultural tradition against the background of world civilization. Specifically, these courses may be applied to satisfy foreign language and literature components of the General Education Requirement as well as to fulfill major and minor concentrations.

This curriculum also meets the special needs of students majoring in other disciplines for courses dealing with the Hebraic or Judaic elements and influences on European culture. The wide variety of course offerings, covering the entire range of Hebraic and Judaic culture from early Biblical times to modern Israel, enables students to concentrate their attention on one major period, to aim for an overall proficiency or to strive for both objectives simultaneously. This course of study also provides the student with a solid foundation for further professional and graduate study in such disciplines as education, library science, publishing, area studies, specialized communication and community services, government and diplomatic and trade exchanges.

Placement and Exemption Students with background in the language should consult the head of the Hebrew Division for proper placement or exemption.

MAJORS

The major consists of 24 credits from courses beyond HEBR 101-102. In general, a Hebrew major is required to achieve proficiency in Biblical and/or modern Hebrew literature by successfully completing a minimum of four courses at the 300 level in Hebrew. Courses in Hebraic studies conducted in English may be applied toward partial fulfillment of the Hebrew major provided they are part of a coherent program approved by the head of the division.

Qualified students interested in a more intensive program in the field of Hebraic or Judaic studies, particularly those preparing for graduate work in such specialized areas as Semitic languages and civilizations, Jewish history, Biblical studies and archaeology, medieval or modern Hebrew literature, Near Eastern studies or religious studies, should consult a division adviser regarding additional courses and supportive studies in related fields.

Minor

Minors of 12 credits in all departments and programs leading to a BA degree are accepted.

Minor for Non-Majors

The minor consists of 12 credits in Hebrew language, literature or Hebraic studies in English. Consult your major department for approved courses.

Preparation for Teaching in Grades 7-12

In cooperation with the School of Education, the Program in Hebrew provides opportunities for students to prepare for a career in teaching Hebrew in grades 7-12. Students preparing to teach Hebrew must complete a 33-credit major option for teaching that includes the 24-credit sequence taken by non-teaching majors plus 9 additional credits in Hebrew language and literature at the 300 or 400 level. Students interested in teaching Hebrew in New York schools may count the 23-credit pedagogical sequence for grades 7-12 as a minor. This minor may count toward the course requirements for New York State Certification, but will not by itself be sufficient for certification.

Students interested in a teaching career should consult with the School of Education. See the School of Education section of this catalog for more information.

Honors

Opportunity for honors work is available through HEBR 491.

Electives

All courses offered by the Hebrew Division are open to qualified students for elective credit. For placement consult a Hebrew Division adviser.

COURSE LISTINGS

INTRODUCTORY COURSES

HEBR 101 Elementary Hebrew I

Fundamentals of reading, pronunciation and grammar for beginners. Practice in conversation and writing. HEBR 101 not credited without HEBR 102.
3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 102 Elementary Hebrew II

Continuation of HEBR 101.
prereq: HEBR 101 or equiv.
3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 103 Intensive Elementary Hebrew

Intensive practice in basic skills of Hebrew. Course covers in one semester the material covered in the two semesters of HEBR 101 and 102.
6 hrs, 6 cr.

HEBR 201 Intermediate Hebrew I

Continued practice in conversational Hebrew, grammar and composition.
prereq: HEBR 102 or equiv.
3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 202 Intermediate Hebrew II

Intensive practice in conversation, composition and grammar. Selected readings in Hebrew literature.
prereq: HEBR 201 or equiv.
3 hrs, 3 cr.

ADVANCED COURSES

HEBR 310 Modern Hebrew Literature I

GER 3/A PD/D
Reading and discussion of selected works in prose and poetry of 19th-century authors.
prereq: HEBR 202 or equiv.
3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 311 Modern Hebrew Literature II

GER 3/A

Reading and discussion of selected works in prose and poetry of 20th-century authors.

prereq: HEBR 202 or *equiv.*

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 315 Biblical Literature: Pentateuch

GER 3/A PD/A

Selections from *Pentateuch*.

prereq: HEBR 202 or *equiv.*

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 316 Biblical Literature: Historical Books

GER 3/A PD/A

Selections from books of Joshua, Judges, Samuel and Kings.

prereq: HEBR 202 or *equiv.*

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 317 Biblical Literature: Prophetic Books

GER 3/A PD/A

Selections from minor and major prophets.

prereq: HEBR 202 or *equiv.*

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 318 Biblical Literature: Hagiographa

GER 3/A PD/A

Selections from Job, Proverbs, Psalms and the five Megillot.

prereq: HEBR 202 or *equiv.*

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 320 The Modern Hebrew Short Story

GER 3/A

Extensive reading of short stories from late 19th century to present, illustrating different literary trends.

prereq: HEBR 202 or *equiv.*

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 321 Talmudic Literature

GER 3/A PD/A

Selections from Talmud and Midrash.

prereq: HEBR 202 or *equiv.*

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 322 Medieval Literature

GER 3/A PD/D

Selections from literature of Golden Age in Spain.

prereq: HEBR 202 or *equiv.*

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 323 Poetry of the Modern Hebrew

Renaissance Period

GER 3/A PD/D

Study of major works of Bialik, Tschernichovsky, Kahan and Shneur.

prereq: HEBR 202 or *equiv.*

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 324 The Modern Hebrew Essay

GER 3/A PD/D

Study of selected essays of Ahad ha'Am, Berditchevsky and Frischman.

prereq: HEBR 202 or *equiv.*

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 325 History of Modern Hebrew

Literature

GER 3/A

Evolution of Hebrew literature from period of Enlightenment to contemporary Hebrew letters.

prereq: HEBR 202 or *equiv.*

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 326 Hebrew Poetry Between the

Two World Wars

GER 3/A

Study of Hebrew poetry since World War I. Emphasis on works of Greenberg, Schlonsky, Lamdan and Alterman.

prereq: HEBR 202 or *equiv.*

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 327 The Modern Hebrew Novel

GER 3/A

Intensive study of a major novel by Agnon, Barash or Hazaz, with collateral readings in other Hebrew novels.

prereq: HEBR 202 or *equiv.*

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 328 Contemporary Hebrew Prose

GER 3/A

Study of prose of modern Israel, emphasizing works by Y. Shenhar, S. Yizhar, A. Meged, M. Shamir, A. Oz, A. Applefeld and A. B. Yehoshua.

prereq: HEBR 202 or *equiv.*

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 331 Medieval Hebrew Philosophic Texts

GER 3/A

Study of selected chapters of Halevi's *Kuzari* and Maimonides' *Moreh Nebukim* (Guide to the Perplexed).

prereq: HEBR 202 or *equiv.*

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 351 Hebrew Grammar and Composition

Intensive study of principles of vocalization, inflections of nouns and verbs, rules of syntax and practice in composition.

prereq: HEBR 202 or *equiv.*

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 357 Approaches to Main Problems in Hebraic Studies

Explorations in depth of a particular area in Hebraic studies. May be repeated as topics vary from semester to semester.

prereq: HEBR 202 or *equiv.*

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 451 Selected Studies in Hebrew

Literature

Course will concentrate on an author, theme, genre or period in Hebrew literature. May be repeated as topics vary from semester to semester.

prereqs: HEBR 202 or *equiv.*, *perm division*

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 490 Independent Studies

Independent research under direction of a member of the division. May be repeated as topics vary from semester to semester.

prereq: *perm division head*

hrs TBA, 3 cr.

HEBR 491 Honors Project

Individual study and research in Hebrew literature in consultation with staff member. Honors essay required. May be repeated as topics vary from semester to semester.

prereq: *Jr/Sr only; perm division*

1 sem, 3 cr.

**COURSES IN HEBRAIC CULTURE
(Conducted in English)**

No knowledge of Hebrew is required for courses listed in this section. These courses are open to all students as follows:

- (1) They are recommended as electives to all students, including Hebrew majors.
- (2) Subject to approval of the major department, a concentration of 12 credits in this area can fulfill requirement for a minor.
- (3) Some of these courses may be substituted for regular Hebrew courses in the Hebrew major. Such a substitution requires approval of head of the Hebrew Division.
- (4) Courses in this group may be applied toward fulfillment of the general education requirement.



HEBR 210 Selected Studies in Hebrew Literature in Translation

Study of selected masterpieces or major themes in Hebrew literature in translation. May be repeated as topics vary from semester to semester.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 211(W) Masterpieces of Medieval Hebraic Literature in Translation

GER 2/C PD/D

Selections from major works reflecting Jewish life and thought in medieval Islamic world and Christendom.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 212(W) Readings in Modern Hebrew Literature in Translation

GER 2/C

Survey of Hebraic literature from Enlightenment movement to present.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 214 Maimonides' Guide to the Perplexed

GER 3/A PD/D

Study of this work in English with reference to Maimonides' influence on development of medieval Aristotelianism.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 218(W) Masterpieces of Yiddish Literature in Translation

GER 3/A PD/D

Study of major works in Yiddish literature from Mendele Mocher Seforim to present.

prereq: ENGL 220

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 240 Introduction to the Old Testament

GER 2/C PD/A

Survey of the books of the Old Testament, their form, content and cultural background. Introduction to the tools and methods of modern biblical criticism.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 250 Topics in Hebraic Studies in English Translation

Study in depth of a selected topic in Hebraic studies. May be repeated as topics vary from semester to semester.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 259 Old Testament Religion

GER 2/C PD/A

Comprehensive survey of ancient Israelite religious practice, expression and thought as reflected in Hebrew Bible.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 281(W) Masterpieces of Ancient Hebraic Literature in Translation

GER 3/A

Study of Hebrew classics and collateral works against background of Jewish history and ancient civilization.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 284 Images of Women in the Old Testament, in Translation

GER 3/A PD/C

Depiction of women in ancient Israelite prose and poetry. Close reading and analysis of texts in terms of literary techniques, cultural background and ideological implications.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 286 Ancient Near Eastern Literature and the Bible

GER 3/A PD/A

Comparative study of ancient Near Eastern literature and the Hebrew Bible.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 288 Ancient Hebraic Folklore

GER 2/C PD/A

Analysis and comparative study of folk beliefs, practices and literature reflected in Hebrew Bible, apocryphal literature and rabbinic Aggada.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 290 Biblical Archaeology

GER 2/C PD/A

Study of Biblical sources in translation in relation to major archaeological discoveries in Israel and Near East.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 292 The Hebrew Prophets

GER 2/C PD/A

Study of phenomenon of prophecy in ancient Israel and its contribution to historical, ethical and religious thought.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 294 Job, Ecclesiastes and the Human Predicament

GER 3/A PD/A

Study of form, content and religious significance of these two enigmatic masterworks.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 295 Ancient Hebrew Law

GER 2/C PD/A

Historical and comparative study of Biblical and rabbinic law.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

HEBR 296 The Dead Sea Scrolls in English

GER 3/A PD/A

Readings in the various genres of the scrolls; historical background of Qumran sect; significance of the scrolls for study of Judaism and Christianity.

3 hrs, 3 cr.

COURSE IN SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION**HEBR 399 Second Language Acquisition**

A survey of issues and approaches to second language acquisition. For students planning to teach languages other than English in grades 7-12.

prereqs: at least three courses at the 300 level

in the language, ENGL 120

3 hrs, 3 cr.