Hebrew

Minor

The minor in Hebrew introduces students to the language, peoples, cultures, and histories of the modern Hebrew-speaking world. The minor develops the student's command of reading, writing, speaking, and comprehension in the Hebrew language and may complement the student's intended major study.

Students wishing to major in Hebrew should see the major requirements in the Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/middle-eastern-languages-cultures/) major.

Students minoring in Hebrew must satisfy the lower division prerequisite requirements. Students may also take a language proficiency exam to waive the elementary and intermediate language courses. Please meet with the undergraduate major advisor to discuss course options and study abroad plans.

Declaring the Minor

Students may declare the Hebrew minor as soon as they begin their study at UC Berkeley. Please find the minor declaration form in the Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures department or email the undergraduate major advisor. Students must declare the minor no later than the semester before their Expected Graduation Term (EGT). Please see the L&S minor guidelines (https://ls.berkeley.edu/advising/planning/schedule-planning/minors/) for more information.

Other Majors and Minors offered by the Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures (MELC) Department

Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/middle-eastern-languages-cultures/) (Major and Minor)

Arabic (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/arabic/) (Minor)

Hebrew (p. 1) (Minor)

Persian (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/persian/) (Minor)

Turkish (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/turkish/) (Minor)

The Hebrew minor requires five upper-division courses in Hebrew literature and culture or history.

General Guidelines

1. All minors must be declared no later than one semester before a student's Expected Graduation Term (EGT). If the semester before EGT is fall or spring, the deadline is the last day of RRR week. If the semester before EGT is summer, the deadline is the final Friday of Summer Sessions. To declare a minor, contact the department advisor for information on requirements, and the declaration process.

2. All courses taken to satisfy the minor requirement must be taken for a letter grade and be at least 3 units.

3. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 must be maintained in order to declare and complete the minor.

4. No more than one upper-division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor program.

5. With the prior consent of the faculty major advisor, students may take courses across various disciplines to satisfy the Arabic culture and history requirement.

Minor Requirements

Lower Division

HEBREW 1A Elementary Hebrew 5
HEBREW 1B Elementary Hebrew 5
HEBREW 20A Intermediate Hebrew 5
HEBREW 20B Intermediate Hebrew 5

Upper-Division Requirements (5 Courses)

Hebrew Language and Literature

HEBREW 100A Advanced Hebrew 3

Select two literature courses:

HEBREW 100B Advanced Hebrew 3
HEBREW 104A Modern Hebrew Literature and Culture 3
HEBREW 104B Modern Hebrew Literature and Culture 3

Hebrew Culture and History

Select two courses in Hebrew culture/history 1

MELC 11 Middle Eastern Worlds: The Modern Middle East [4]
MELC 134 Topics in History and Cultures of Israel [4]
MELC 135 Literature and History in the Hebrew Bible [4]
MELC 136 History and Historiography in the Hebrew Bible [3]
MELC 137 Modern and Contemporary Jewish Thought [4]
MELC 138 The Hero in the Bible and the Ancient Middle East [3]
MELC 139 Modern Jewish Literatures [4]
MELC 153 Synagogues, Cathedrals, and Mosques: The Rise and Fall of Islamic Spain [4]
MELC 156 Sociolinguistics of the Middle East [4]
MELC 158AC Middle East: Post-Colonialism, Migration, and Diaspora [4]
MELC 190A Special Topics in Fields of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures: Ancient Middle Eastern Studies [4]
MELC 190C Special Topics in Fields of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures: Jewish Studies [4]
MELC 192C Undergrad Seminar: Problems and Research in Middle Eastern Studies: Jewish Studies [2,4]
MELC 198 Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students [1-4]
MELC 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research [1-4]

Total Units 35

1 The faculty major advisor must approve all courses outside of the department that will be used to satisfy the Hebrew minor requirements.

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Expand all course descriptions [+]Collapse all course descriptions [-]
HEBREW 1A Elementary Hebrew 5 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019
Elementary Hebrew: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Elementary Hebrew: Read Less [-]

HEBREW 1B Elementary Hebrew 5 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019
Elementary Hebrew: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Elementary Hebrew: Read Less [-]

HEBREW 10 Intensive Elementary Hebrew 10 Units
Terms offered: Summer 2007 10 Week Session, Summer 2007 8 Week Session, Summer 2006 10 Week Session
An intensive course in modern Israeli Hebrew. The course covers the basic syntactic and morphological patterns of modern Hebrew through the teaching and practice of communicative and interactive language skills in the four areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The course is equivalent to two semesters of Hebrew in the regular academic year.

Intensive Elementary Hebrew: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Summer: 8 weeks - 20 hours of lecture and 5 hours of laboratory per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Intensive Elementary Hebrew: Read Less [-]

HEBREW 11A Reading and Composition for Hebrew Speaking Students 5 Units
Terms offered: Prior to 2007
Designed for heritage students who possess oral skills (speaking/comprehension, though limited) but need to improve their writing and reading abilities, and expand their knowledge of Hebrew grammar and syntax. Completion of 11A-11B will prepare the student to take Hebrew 20A, Intermediate Hebrew.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Rudimentary knowledge of spoken Hebrew and consent of instructor

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Reading and Composition for Hebrew Speaking Students: Read Less [-]

HEBREW 11B Reading and Composition for Hebrew-Speaking Students 5 Units
Terms offered: Prior to 2007
Designed for heritage students who possess oral skills (speaking/comprehension, though limited) but need to improve their writing and reading abilities, and expand their knowledge of Hebrew grammar and syntax. Completion of 11A-11B will prepare the student to take Hebrew 20A, Intermediate Hebrew.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Hebrew 11A or the consent of the instructor

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Reading and Composition for Hebrew-Speaking Students: Read Less [-]
HEBREW 20A Intermediate Hebrew 5 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019
Intermediate Hebrew: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 1A-1B

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Intermediate Hebrew: Read Less [-]

HEBREW 20B Intermediate Hebrew 5 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2018, Spring 2016
Intermediate Hebrew: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 1A-1B

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Intermediate Hebrew: Read Less [-]

HEBREW 30 Intermediate Hebrew 10 Units
Terms offered: Summer 1997 10 Week Session, Summer 1996 10 Week Session, Summer 1995 10 Week Session
This course is equivalent to a full year of intermediate Hebrew. It will deepen skills in speaking, understanding, reading, and writing modern Israeli Hebrew.
Intermediate Hebrew: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: One year of college level Hebrew
Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for 30 after taking 20A-20B.

Hours & Format
Summer: 8 weeks - 20 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Intermediate Hebrew: Read Less [-]

HEBREW 100A Advanced Hebrew 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018
Advanced Hebrew, especially designed for those going on to the study of modern Hebrew literature. Vocabulary building, grammar review, and literary analysis of a sampling of modern texts.
Advanced Hebrew: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 20A-20B or equivalent

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: 20A-20B-20C.
Advanced Hebrew: Read Less [-]

HEBREW 100B Advanced Hebrew 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018
Advanced Hebrew, especially designed for those going on to the study of modern Hebrew literature. Vocabulary building, grammar review, and literary analysis of a sampling of modern texts.
Advanced Hebrew: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 20A-20B or equivalent

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: 20A-20B-20C.
Advanced Hebrew: Read Less [-]
HEBREW 102A Postbiblical Hebrew Texts 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2008, Fall 2002, Fall 1998
Texts from the rabbinic period (Mishnah, Tosefta, Talmud, and Midrash) and an introduction to the languages of rabbinic texts.
Postbiblical Hebrew Texts: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 20A-20B or equivalent
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.
Postbiblical Hebrew Texts: Read Less [-]

HEBREW 102B Postbiblical Hebrew Texts 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2014, Spring 2011, Spring 2009
Texts from the rabbinic period (Mishnah, Tosefta, Talmud, and Midrash) and an introduction to the languages of rabbinic texts.
Postbiblical Hebrew Texts: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 20A-20B or equivalent
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.
Postbiblical Hebrew Texts: Read Less [-]
HEBREW 104A Modern Hebrew Literature and Culture 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019
A close reading of selected works of modern Hebrew fiction, poetry, and drama in their cultural and historical contexts. Topics vary from year to year and include literature and politics, eros and gender, memory and nationalism, Middle-Eastern and European aspects of Israeli literature and culture.
Modern Hebrew Literature and Culture: Read More [+] Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 100A-100B or equivalent
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.
Modern Hebrew Literature and Culture: Read Less [-]

HEBREW 104B Modern Hebrew Literature and Culture 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2015
A close reading of selected works of modern Hebrew fiction, poetry, and drama in their cultural and historical contexts. Topics vary from year to year and include literature and politics, eros and gender, memory and nationalism, Middle-Eastern and European aspects of Israeli literature and culture.
Modern Hebrew Literature and Culture: Read More [+] Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 100A-100B or equivalent
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.
Modern Hebrew Literature and Culture: Read Less [-]

HEBREW 105A The Structure of Modern Hebrew 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 1999
An analysis of Hebrew grammar, syntax, semantics, morphology, history of the language, fixed expressions, discourse analysis, contrastive features of Hebrew and English in the context of contemporary linguistic theories.
The Structure of Modern Hebrew: Read More [+] Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.
The Structure of Modern Hebrew: Read Less [-]

HEBREW 105B The Structure of Modern Hebrew 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2011, Spring 2008
An analysis of Hebrew grammar, syntax, semantics, morphology, history of the language, fixed expressions, discourse analysis, contrastive features of Hebrew and English in the context of contemporary linguistic theories.
The Structure of Modern Hebrew: Read More [+] Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.
The Structure of Modern Hebrew: Read Less [-]
HEBREW 106A Elementary Biblical Hebrew 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2018, Fall 2017
An introduction to the language of the Hebrew Bible.
Elementary Biblical Hebrew: Read More [+]
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Formerly known as: 2A-2B
Elementary Biblical Hebrew: Read Less [-]

HEBREW 106B Elementary Biblical Hebrew 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2017
An introduction to the language of the Hebrew Bible.
Elementary Biblical Hebrew: Read More [+]
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Formerly known as: 2B
Elementary Biblical Hebrew: Read Less [-]

HEBREW N106 Elementary Biblical Hebrew 6 Units
Terms offered: Summer 2009 10 Week Session, Summer 2009 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2008 Second 6 Week Session
An introduction to the language of the Hebrew bible.
Elementary Biblical Hebrew: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for N106 after taking 106A-106B.
Hours & Format
Summer: 6 weeks - 15 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.
Elementary Biblical Hebrew: Read Less [-]

HEBREW 107A Biblical Hebrew Texts 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2015, Fall 2011, Fall 2009
The tools and procedure of biblical exegesis applied to simple narrative texts.
Biblical Hebrew Texts: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 20A-20B
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Formerly known as: 101A-101B
Biblical Hebrew Texts: Read Less [-]

HEBREW 107B Biblical Hebrew Texts 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2016, Spring 2012, Spring 2010
The tools and procedure of biblical exegesis applied to simple narrative texts.
Biblical Hebrew Texts: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 20A-20B
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Formerly known as: 101B
Biblical Hebrew Texts: Read Less [-]
HEBREW 111 Intermediate Biblical Texts 3 Units
Terms offered: Prior to 2007
A systematic study of the Prophets beginning with Isaiah.
Intermediate Biblical Texts: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 101A-101B or equivalent
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Intermediate Biblical Texts: Read Less [-]

HEBREW 148A The Art and Culture of the Talmud: Advanced Textual Analysis 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2011, Fall 2010, Fall 2002
In this course, we will read and analyze closely talmudic texts in the original languages--Hebrew and Aramaic--together with selected medieval commentaries. The primary focus of the course will be on the acquisition of facility in reading the Talmud, comprehension of philological and historical-cultural issues and methods of study, as well as understanding the formative relation of the Talmud to the structures and practices of traditional Jewish cultures.
The Art and Culture of the Talmud: Advanced Textual Analysis: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 102A-102B or consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
The Art and Culture of the Talmud: Advanced Textual Analysis: Read Less [-]

HEBREW 148B The Art and Culture of the Talmud: Advanced Textual Analysis 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2001
In this course, we will read and analyze closely talmudic texts in the original languages--Hebrew and Aramaic--together with selected medieval commentaries. The primary focus of the course will be on the acquisition of facility in reading the Talmud, comprehension of philological and historical-cultural issues and methods of study, as well as understanding the formative relation of the Talmud to the structures and practices of traditional Jewish cultures.
The Art and Culture of the Talmud: Advanced Textual Analysis: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 102A-B or consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
The Art and Culture of the Talmud: Advanced Textual Analysis: Read Less [-]

HEBREW 190B Special Topics in Hebrew 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2016, Spring 2011
Topics explore special themes and problems in Hebrew language and literature. They often reflect the research interests of the instructor and supplement regular curricular offerings. Specific descriptions of current offerings are available through the department.
Special Topics in Hebrew: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 20A-20B or equivalent
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Summer: 8 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Special Topics in Hebrew: Read Less [-]
HEBREW H195 Senior Honors 2 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2003
Directed study centered upon preparation of an honors thesis.
Senior Honors: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Limited to senior honors candidates
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 4 units.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.
Senior Honors: Read Less [-]

HEBREW 198 Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students 1 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2016, Spring 2002, Fall 2001
Instruction in areas not covered by regularly scheduled courses.
Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.
Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students: Read Less [-]

HEBREW 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2003, Spring 1999
Enrollment is restricted by regulations shown in the .
Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week
Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5-7.5 hours of independent study per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Hebrew/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.
Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read Less [-]