Hebrew

Minor
The Hebrew minor 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 modern Hebrew language and may complement the student’s intended major study.

Students wishing to major in the study of Hebrew should see the major requirements in Near Eastern Languages and Literatures (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/near-eastern-languages-literatures).

The Hebrew minor offers two options. Option A is open to students with little or no background in the language. Option B is for students who have completed the equivalent of two years of university-level coursework in the language. For specific information regarding the requirements for each option, please see the Minor Requirements tab on this page.

Declaring the Minor
Students may petition to add the Hebrew minor as soon as they begin their study of Hebrew. Please submit the Petition to Complete the Minor (https://ls.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/advcompletionofminor.pdf) form to the undergraduate student adviser.

Other Majors and Minors offered by the Department of Near Eastern Studies
Ancient Egyptian Near Eastern Art and Archaeology (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/ancient-egyptian-near-eastern-art-archaeology) (Major)
Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Civilizations (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/ancient-egyptian-near-eastern-civilizations) (Major)
Near Eastern Languages and Literatures (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/near-eastern-languages-literatures) (Major)
Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Civilizations (http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/ancient-egyptian-near-eastern-civilizations) (Major)
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 minor requires five upper-division courses in Hebrew literature and culture. Students may overlap one course from their major in order to complete the Hebrew minor requirements.

General Guidelines
1. All courses taken to fulfill major requirements must be taken for a letter grade and be at least 3 units
2. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 must be maintained in both upper and lower division courses used to fulfill the major requirements.

3. With the prior consent of the major adviser, students may take courses across various disciplines to fulfill minor requirements.

Minor Requirements
Open to students with no background in the language.

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

Upper Division
HEBREW 100A Advanced Hebrew 3
HEBREW 100B Advanced Hebrew 3
HEBREW 104A Modern Hebrew Literature and Culture 3
HEBREW 104B Modern Hebrew Literature and Culture 3
One 1-semester course in Hebrew culture/history 1 3

Total Units 35

1 The undergraduate major adviser may approve external department substitution courses for the culture/history requirement.

Hebrew
Expand all course descriptions [+]
Collapse all course descriptions [-]

HEBREW 1A Elementary Hebrew 5 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016
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
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2017
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
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies  
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
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies  
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.

Reading and Composition for Hebrew Speaking Students: Read More [+]

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
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies  
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.

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

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
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies  
Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 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 20B Intermediate Hebrew 5 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies  
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2016, Spring 2015  
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
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
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
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016
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
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2015
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
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
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.
Instructor: 20A-20B-20C.
Postbiblical Hebrew Texts: Read Less [-]
HEBREW 102B Postbiblical Hebrew Texts 3 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
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 103A Later Rabbinic and Medieval Hebrew Texts 3 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Fall 2004
Study of midrashic, exegetical, halakhic (legal), poetic, apocalyptic, messianic, or historical texts.
Later Rabbinic and Medieval 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 not required.
Later Rabbinic and Medieval Hebrew Texts: Read Less [-]

HEBREW 103B Later Rabbinic and Medieval Hebrew Texts 3 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Prior to 2007
Study of midrashic, exegetical, halakhic (legal), poetic, apocalyptic, messianic, or historical texts.
Later Rabbinic and Medieval 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 not required.
Later Rabbinic and Medieval Hebrew Texts: Read Less [-]

HEBREW 104A Modern Hebrew Literature and Culture 3 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016
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
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
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.

HEBREW 105A The Structure of Modern Hebrew 3 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
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.

HEBREW 105B The Structure of Modern Hebrew 3 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
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.

HEBREW 106A Elementary Biblical Hebrew 3 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016
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
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
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
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
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
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
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
Biblical Hebrew Texts: Read Less [-]

HEBREW 107B Biblical Hebrew Texts 3 Units
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
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
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
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
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
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
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
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
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
Terms offered: 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
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
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
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
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
Offered through: Near Eastern Studies
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 [-]