

# Hebrew

## Minor

The Department of Near Eastern Studies offers a minor in Hebrew.

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.

Students may pursue a major in Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology and Art History and a minor in one of the Department's language programs, even though both are administered by the Department of Near Eastern Studies. However, students may *not* pursue a major in one of the Near Eastern Studies languages and a minor in another. Students may pursue the major in Near Eastern Languages and Literatures and a minor in Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Civilizations.

## Declaring the Minor

After finishing a minor, students are required to submit a Completion of L & S Minor form (<http://ls-advise.berkeley.edu/fp/00minor.pdf>) .

## Other Majors and Minors offered by the Department of Near Eastern Studies

Ancient Egyptian Near Eastern Art and Archaeology (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/ancient-egyptian-near-eastern-art-archaeology>) (Major only)  
Ancient Egyptian and Near Eastern Civilizations (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/ancient-egyptian-near-eastern-civilizations>) (Minor only)  
Arabic (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/arabic>) (Minor only)  
Persian (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/persian>) (Minor only)  
Turkish (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/turkish>) (Minor only)

Students who have a strong interest in an area of study outside their major often decide to complete a minor program. These programs have set requirements and are noted officially on the transcript in the memoranda section, but are not noted on diplomas.

## General Guidelines

1. All courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements below must be taken for graded credit.
2. A minimum of three of the upper-division courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements must be completed at UC Berkeley.
3. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required for courses used to fulfill the minor requirements.
4. Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements may be applied toward the Seven-Course Breadth Requirement, for Letters and Science students.
5. No more than one upper-division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs.

6. All minor requirements must be completed prior to the last day of finals during the semester in which you plan to graduate. If you cannot finish all courses required for the minor by that time, please see a College of Letters and Science adviser.
7. All minor requirements must be completed within the unit ceiling. (For further information regarding the unit ceiling, please see the College Requirements tab.)

## Requirements, Option A

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		3
Total Units		35

## Requirements, Option B

Open to students who can demonstrate proficiency at a level equivalent to that expected of students who have successfully completed the elementary and intermediate courses in the language (2 years of university-level coursework)

### Upper-division

Five 1-semester courses in Hebrew language or literature <sup>1</sup>		15
Two 1-semester courses in Hebrew culture/history <sup>2</sup>		6
Total Units		21

<sup>1</sup> Texts must be in Hebrew.

<sup>2</sup> The undergraduate adviser may approve external department substitution courses for the culture/history requirement.

## Hebrew

HEBREW 1A Elementary Hebrew 5 Units

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation and 1 hour of laboratory per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Hebrew/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**HEBREW 1B Elementary Hebrew 5 Units****Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 5 hours of recitation and 1 hour of laboratory per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Hebrew/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**HEBREW 10 Intensive Elementary Hebrew 10 Units**

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.

**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.

**HEBREW 20A Intermediate Hebrew 5 Units****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.

**HEBREW 20B Intermediate Hebrew 5 Units****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.

**HEBREW 30 Intermediate Hebrew 10 Units**

This course is equivalent to a full year of intermediate Hebrew. It will deepen skills in speaking, understanding, reading, and writing modern Israeli Hebrew.

**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.

**HEBREW 100A Advanced Hebrew 3 Units**

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.

**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.

**HEBREW 100B Advanced Hebrew 3 Units**

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.

**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.

**HEBREW 102A Postbiblical Hebrew Texts 3 Units**

Texts from the rabbinic period (Mishnah, Tosefta, Talmud, and Midrash) and an introduction to the languages of rabbinic texts.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 20A-20B or equivalent

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit with consent of instructor. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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 102B Postbiblical Hebrew Texts 3 Units**

Texts from the rabbinic period (Mishnah, Tosefta, Talmud, and Midrash) and an introduction to the languages of rabbinic texts.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 20A-20B or equivalent

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit with consent of instructor. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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 103A Later Rabbinic and Medieval Hebrew Texts 3 Units**

Study of midrashic, exegetical, halakhic (legal), poetic, apocalyptic, messianic, or historical texts.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 20A-20B

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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 103B Later Rabbinic and Medieval Hebrew Texts 3 Units**

Study of midrashic, exegetical, halakhic (legal), poetic, apocalyptic, messianic, or historical texts.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 20A-20B

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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 104A Modern Hebrew Literature and Culture 3 Units**

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.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 100A-100B or equivalent

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit with different topic and consent of instructor. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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 104B Modern Hebrew Literature and Culture 3 Units**

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.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 100A-100B or equivalent

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit with different topic and consent of instructor. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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**

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.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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**

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.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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**

An introduction to the language of the Hebrew Bible.

**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

**HEBREW 106B Elementary Biblical Hebrew 3 Units**

An introduction to the language of the Hebrew Bible.

**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

**HEBREW N106 Elementary Biblical Hebrew 6 Units**

An introduction to the language of the Hebrew bible.

**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.

**HEBREW 107A Biblical Hebrew Texts 3 Units**

The tools and procedure of biblical exegesis applied to simple narrative texts.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 20A-20B

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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

**HEBREW 107B Biblical Hebrew Texts 3 Units**

The tools and procedure of biblical exegesis applied to simple narrative texts.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 20A-20B

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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

**HEBREW 111 Intermediate Biblical Texts 3 Units**

A systematic study of the Prophets beginning with Isaiah.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 101A-101B or equivalent

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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.

**HEBREW 148A The Art and Culture of the Talmud: Advanced Textual Analysis 3 Units**

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.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 102A-102B or consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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.

**HEBREW 148B The Art and Culture of the Talmud: Advanced Textual Analysis 3 Units**

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.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 102A-B or consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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.

**HEBREW 190B Special Topics in Hebrew 3 Units**

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.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** 20A-20B or equivalent

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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.

**HEBREW H195 Senior Honors 2 - 4 Units**

Directed study centered upon preparation of an honors thesis.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Limited to senior honors candidates

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for a maximum 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.

HEBREW 198 Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students 1 - 4 Units

Instruction in areas not covered by regularly scheduled courses.

**Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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.

HEBREW 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units  
Enrollment is restricted by regulations shown in the .

**Rules & Requirements**

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**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.