

HEBREW, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

The minor in Hebrew is intended to provide students with a good working knowledge of the Hebrew language, taught in a context that emphasizes the characteristics of Jewish tradition and Israeli culture and society. Students undertake three years of language study (or equivalent); education abroad can be included.

What is Hebrew?

Hebrew has been in use for over three thousand years, making it one of the very few languages that is attested both in ancient and modern times. It is best known as the language of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament), which is a collection of books that were written between about 1200 BCE and 150 BCE. Following the Roman invasions into the biblical lands in the first two centuries CE, Hebrew fell out of use as a spoken language by around the 3rd century CE. It remained in use, however, as a literary and liturgical language among the Jews, and there is a huge corpus of Hebrew literature from that period, through medieval times, and into the modern era. In the late 19th century, Hebrew was revived as a spoken language, and today has about 5 million native speakers in Israel and abroad.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You want to be able to analyze classical Jewish texts in their original language.
- You hope to further pursue an education and career in religious studies.
- You have an interest in learning about Jewish culture in a more immersive way.

Program Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Requirements for the Minor	21

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A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/>). In addition, at least six credits of the minor must be unique from the prescribed courses required by a student's major(s).

Code	Title	Credits
Prescribed Courses		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
HEBR 1	Basic Modern Hebrew I	4
HEBR 2	Basic Modern Hebrew II	4
HEBR 3	Intermediate Modern Hebrew	4
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 3 credits of the following:		3
HEBR 151	Introductory Biblical Hebrew	

HEBR 152	Intermediate Biblical Hebrew
HEBR 199	Foreign Study--Basic Hebrew
HEBR 296	Independent Studies
HEBR 297	Special Topics
HEBR 399	Foreign Study--Intermediate Hebrew
JST/HEBR 10	Jewish Civilization
JST 12	
Select 6 credits of the following:	
HEBR 401	Advanced Hebrew--Conversation Emphasis
HEBR 402	Advanced Hebrew--Reading Emphasis
HEBR 451	Biblical Hebrew Prose
HEBR 452	Biblical Hebrew Poetry
HEBR 496	Independent Studies
HEBR 497	Special Topics
HEBR 499	Foreign Study--Advanced Hebrew

Academic Advising

The objectives of the university's academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee's unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (<https://senate.psu.edu/students/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/>)

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Career Paths

A minor in Hebrew can help supplement a career in various fields, both religious and non-religious. If considering pursuing a graduate degree through a program in which you'll be analyzing classical texts, a minor in Hebrew will ensure you have the tools necessary for your research.

Careers

- Teaching
- Public Service
- The Ministry (both Jewish and non-Jewish)
- Archaeology

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