

HEBREW (HBR)

HBR 101. Elementary Modern Hebrew I. 3 Credits.

This is an introductory course in modern Hebrew. Students begin to achieve basic proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and comprehending modern Hebrew. Culture is integrated with language using a wide variety of sources. Students are introduced to the Hebrew alphabet and use Hebrew script. They learn elementary conversational skills and basic Hebrew grammar.

Prerequisites: None

Offered: Every year, Fall

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HBR 102. Introduction to Elementary Modern Hebrew II. 3 Credits.

This course is a continuation of Hebrew 101. Students review and expand their grammatical study leading to deeper comprehension of style and usage. Students learn the fundamentals of grammar and syntax as well as idioms and special expressions. Emphasis is given to all four communicative skills (speaking, reading, listening and writing). The semester covers the study of the present tense, basics of the past tense, and some of the future tense in most of the conjugation models as well as numbers, colors, and daily life situations, etc. Culture is also integrated into the course as students learn the language.

Prerequisites: Take HBR 101.

Offered: Every year, Spring

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HBR 115. Basic Jewish Literacy. 3 Credits.

The purpose of this course is to introduce, explain and educate students of all faiths about the basic tenets of Judaism. Upon completion of the course, students will acquire an understanding of the Hebrew alphabet, fundamental Judaic beliefs, the Torah, Modern Israel, and more. This course does not fulfill the CAS language requirement.

Prerequisites: None

Offered: As needed, Spring

HBR 205. Israeli Pop Culture. 3 Credits.

Ever wondered why Israeli television is all over Netflix, or why Sabra hummus came to dominate your supermarket shelves? In this course, we will examine multiple forms of popular culture, including television, music, social media, fashion, and more, to understand contemporary Israeli society, with a focus on debates over language, gender, and politics in a global context. This course is taught in English.

Prerequisites: None

Offered: As needed

HBR 210. Biblical Interpretation. 3 Credits.

This interdisciplinary course introduces students to ancient, Jewish religious life, Scripture, and the literary genre and biblical interpretive tool of Midrash. Exploring contemporary times and personal stories, students gain a deeper appreciation of Scripture's words. While the course uses the Hebrew Bible for text and context, students focus on the historical past to locate a point of connection to the present-day and discover for themselves the common humanity of all people.

Prerequisites: None

Offered: As needed, All

HBR 212. Experiential Learning. 1-3 Credits.

This course is for students completing an internship that involves using Hebrew and expanding their cultural knowledge.

Prerequisites: None

Offered: As needed