B.A.

This program enables students to study the various periods of the Hebrew language covering a span of 3,000 years, from biblical times to the present. The program gives students the tools for work in the fields of literature, social sciences, religious studies, linguistics, and law. Hebrew equips the student for cross-disciplinary learning in several fields—ancient, medieval, and contemporary. Related areas include Jewish studies, religious studies, Arabic, Greek, and the extinct languages of the ancient Near East. Students are encouraged to incorporate study in Israel in one of the many exchange programs involving archaeology, the social sciences, or the humanities (consult the Global Campus office for more information).

Hebrew majors often use their major to complement a second major in another field such as political science, sociology, journalism, history, religious studies, business, speech communications, and linguistics.

For related coursework, see listings under ancient Near Eastern studies and Jewish studies.

Preparatory Coursework

Students take Hebr 3012 or equivalent.

Degree Requirements

Students must complete at least 120 credits to graduate, including 32 credits in the major. All students complete two semesters of advanced Hebrew. Then they must choose 6 credits of coursework from each of three areas: biblical studies, rabbinic and medieval texts, and modern Hebrew prose and poetry. In addition, students must take 6 credits of electives (taught in either Hebrew or English) and a linguistics course. The senior project completes the requirements.

Required Courses

Upper Division Requirements

• All students take Ling 3001—Introduction to Linguistics
• Hebr 3015-3016—Advanced Modern Hebrew I-II
• From the areas of biblical Hebrew, rabbinic/medieval Hebrew, and modern Hebrew, students must take a minimum of 6 credits in each area (minimum of 18 credits total):

Biblical Hebrew

• Hebr 3201-3202—Readings in Biblical Hebrew I-II
• Hebr 3200—Topics in Biblical Studies: A Book of the Bible

Rabbinic and Medieval Hebrew

• Hebr 3111—Rabbinic Texts I
• Hebr 3112—Rabbinic Texts II
• Hebr 3122—Medieval Hebrew Literature I
• Hebr 3123—Medieval Hebrew Literature II

Modern Hebrew:

• Hebr 3301—Modern Hebrew Prose
• Hebr 3302—Modern Literary Prose and Poetry
• Electives—Any of the Jewish studies courses may be applied toward the major.

Major Project

A major project is required, including registration in Hebr 3951 (1-4 cr). Students majoring in Hebrew and Jewish studies are required to complete only one major project. The project generally takes the form of a paper, but other forms of project may be considered.
You have not declared a major until you have:

- completed a Major Program Form with your major adviser
- filed a copy with the major department
- filed a copy with your CLA student community
- be sure to keep a copy for yourself