Hebrew and Jewish Studies with Year Abroad BA

The four-year full-time (eight-year part-time) Hebrew and Jewish Studies with Year Abroad BA aims to develop students' knowledge and understanding of all aspects of Jewish culture, including its languages, literature and history. Year three is spent at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Key information

Programme starts
September 2019

Location
London, Bloomsbury

Degree benefits

// UCL Hebrew & Jewish Studies is the only department of its kind in the UK, and is highly regarded worldwide.

// We teach a wide range of modules in Jewish history, politics and culture.

// As part of your degree you can study both ancient and modern languages, including Biblical, Rabbinic and Modern Hebrew, Aramaic, Syriac, Ugaritic, and Yiddish.

// During your time in the department you will have access to a remarkable collection of Hebrew, Yiddish and Judaica books in the UCL Library, as well as the SOAS Library and the special collections in the British Library, Wiener Library and the National Archives.

Degree structure

In each year of your degree you will take a number of individual modules, normally valued at 15 or 30 credits, adding up to a total of 120 credits for the year. Modules are assessed in the academic year in which they are taken. The balance of compulsory and optional modules varies from programme to programme and year to year. A 30-credit module is considered equivalent to 15 credits in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

In your first year you will take compulsory modules in Modern Hebrew and Biblical Hebrew or Yiddish, an introductory module in academic Jewish Studies, and a range of optional history, literature, and culture modules, providing an overview of the subject which allows you to identify your own areas of specialist interest for later study.

In your second year you will take a compulsory module in Modern Hebrew and choose from a wide range of options encompassing a vast chronological and geographical span and also an array of disciplinary approaches, such as history, literature, philology, gender studies and politics.

Your third year will be spent at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where you will be able to take modules drawn from an extremely diverse and extensive range of subjects.

In your final year you will take three optional courses and will write a dissertation on a subject of our choice.

YEAR ONE (FULL-TIME)

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Introduction to Biblical Hebrew or Elementary Yiddish
Modern Hebrew for Beginners
Sources, Methods, and Skills in Jewish Studies

Optional modules

// You will select three of the following 0.5 credit options (the selection varies each year):
Introduction to Biblical and Rabbinic Literature
Introduction to Hebrew Literature: Medieval to Modern
Introduction to Jewish Languages
Introduction to Jewish Philosophy and Mysticism
Introduction to Israel Culture, Society and Politics
Introduction to Modern, Jewish Literature
Introduction to the Study of Judaism
Survey of Jewish History 1: The Ancient and Medieval Near East
Survey of Jewish History 2: From Medieval to Early Modern Europe
Survey of Jewish History 3: The Modern World

YEAR TWO (FULL-TIME)

Core or compulsory module(s)

// Lower Intermediate Modern Hebrew

Optional modules

// You will select 3.0 credits from a wide range of options in the following areas: Hebrew, Yiddish and other Jewish languages; Jewish history and culture; literature and politics. Alternatively, 1.0 credit can be selected from another subject area by arrangement with the relevant department.

YEAR THREE

Compulsory modules (full-time)

// Year abroad at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Optional modules
Your learning

The department uses a variety of teaching methods; classes are mostly small and intimate, encouraging active participation by the students. Modern language study includes oral work, reading comprehension, listening comprehension and translation exercises. All other subjects are taught by lectures and seminars.

Assessment

Most modules are assessed by a combination of essays and an end-of-year written examination, in addition to other types of coursework such as presentations. Modern language modules are also assessed by oral examinations.

Your career

The programme develops a wide range of skills such as critical thinking, oral and written communication, and time management, in addition to linguistic ability, which will be beneficial for a wide range of careers.

Our graduates take up employment in diverse fields including law, teaching (primary and secondary), banking and finance, journalism, publishing, the museum sector, and librarianship. Many choose to pursue postgraduate study, either continuing within Hebrew and Jewish studies or moving into different fields such as history, digital humanities, linguistics, religious studies, and others.

Please see first destinations of recent graduates (2013-2015) from Greek & Latin programmes at UCL for a selection of representative careers.

Your application

Application for admission should be made through UCAS (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service). Applicants currently at school or college will be provided with advice on the process; however, applicants who have left school or who are based outside the United Kingdom may obtain information directly from UCAS.

In your application we will be particularly interested in your motivation to study the subject, and of your interest in broad matters of language, literature and culture. We will also be interested to learn of experiences you may have had relating to Jewish Studies, such as modules attended, museums visited, travel, and wider reading.

The selection process is conducted on the basis of your UCAS application and personal statement. If you receive an offer of a place on the programme, you will be invited to visit UCL Hebrew & Jewish Studies and tour the campus.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
Standard Offer: ABB. No specific subjects
Contextual Offer: BBB. No specific subjects.

GCSE
English Language and Mathematics at grade C or 5. For UK-based students, a grade C or 5 or equivalent in a foreign language (other than Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew or Latin) is required. UCL provides opportunities to meet the foreign language requirement following enrolment, further details at: www.ucl.ac.uk/ug-reqs

IB DIPLOMA
Standard Offer: 34. A score of 16 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5.
Contextual Offer: 32. A score of 15 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5.

CONTEXTUAL OFFERS – ACCESS UCL SCHEME
As part of our commitment to increasing participation from underrepresented groups, students may be eligible for a contextual offer as part of the Access UCL scheme. For more information see www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS
UCL considers a wide range of UK and international qualifications for entry into its undergraduate programmes. Full details are given at: www.ucl.ac.uk/otherquals

UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATORY CERTIFICATES (International foundation courses)
UCL Undergraduate Preparatory Certificates (UPCs) are intensive one-year foundation courses for international students of high academic potential who are aiming to gain access to undergraduate degree programmes at UCL and other top UK universities.

Typical UPC students will be high achievers in a 12-year school system which does not meet the standard required for direct entry to UCL.

For more information see: www.ucl.ac.uk/upc.

TUITION FEES
The fees indicated are for undergraduate entry in the 2018/19 academic year. The UK/EU fees shown are for the first year of the programme at UCL only. Fees for future years may be subject to an inflationary increase. The Overseas fees shown are the fees that will be charged to 2018/19 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

// UK & EU: £9,250 (2018/19)
// Overseas: £19,390 (2018/19)

Overseas fees for the 2019/20 academic year are expected to be available in July 2018. Undergraduate UK/EU fees are capped by the UK Government and are expected to be available in October 2018. Full details of UCL’s tuition fees, tuition fee policy and potential increases to fees can be found on the UCL Students website.

FUNDING
Various funding options are available, including student loans, scholarships and bursaries. UK students whose household income falls below a certain level may also be eligible for a non-repayable bursary or for certain scholarships. Please see the Fees and funding pages for more details.

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EU referendum
For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK’s decision to leave the EU, please refer to: www.ucl.ac.uk/ucl-and-europe

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