HEBREW AND JEWISH STUDIES
BA /
UCAS CODE: Q481
2021 ENTRY

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The three-year full-time (six-year part-time) Hebrew and Jewish Studies BA aims to develop students' knowledge and understanding of all aspects of Jewish culture, including its languages, literature, and history.

### Key information

**Programme starts**
September 2021

**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 to 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 on 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 optional modules encompassing a vast chronological and geographical span and also an array of disciplinary approaches, such as history, literature, philology, and politics.

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

Upon successful completion of 360 credits, you will be awarded a BA (Hons) in Hebrew and Jewish Studies.

Please note that the list of modules given here is indicative. This information is published a long time in advance of enrolment and module content and availability is subject to change.

#### YEAR ONE (FULL-TIME)

**Compulsory module(s)**

- Introduction to Biblical Hebrew or Elementary Yiddish
- Modern Hebrew for Beginners
- Sources, Methods, and Skills

**Optional modules**

You will select three of the following 15-credit optional modules (the selection varies each year):

- Introduction to the Study of Judaism
- Introduction to the History and Literature of Ancient Israel
- Introduction to Jewish Literature, History, and Culture in the Roman, Sassanid, and Islamic Periods
- Introduction to Modern Jewish History (1800 to the present)
- Introduction to Israeli Culture, Society and Politics
- Introduction to Jewish Philosophy and Mysticism

#### YEAR TWO (FULL-TIME)

**Compulsory module(s)**

- Lower Intermediate Modern Hebrew

**Optional modules**

You will select 90 credits from a wide range of optional modules in the following areas: Hebrew, Yiddish and other Jewish languages; Jewish history and culture; literature and politics. Alternatively, 30 credits can be selected from another subject area by arrangement with the relevant department.

#### FINAL YEAR

**Compulsory modules (full-time)**

- Final-year dissertation (30 credits)

**Optional modules**

You will select 90 credits from a wide range of optional modules in the following areas: Hebrew, Yiddish, and other Jewish languages; Jewish history and culture; literature; and politics.
Your learning

Our teaching spans a variety of methods; classes are mostly small and intimate, encouraging active student participation. 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.

Accessibility

Details of the accessibility of UCL buildings can be obtained from AccessAble. Further information can also be obtained from the UCL Student Support & Wellbeing team.

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.

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 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 courses 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 to tour the campus.
Entry requirements

A LEVELS
**Standard Offer:** ABB. No specific subjects. At least two A level subjects should be taken from UCL’s list of preferred A level 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.

**Contextual Offer:** BBB. No specific subjects. At least two A level subjects should be taken from UCL’s list of preferred A level 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 points. A score of 16 points in three higher level subjects, with no score lower than 5.

**Contextual Offer:** 32 points. 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 2021/22 academic year. The UK 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 2021/22 entrants for each year of study on the programme, unless otherwise indicated below.

- UK: £9,250 (2021/22)
- Overseas: £23,300 (2021/22)

Full details of UCL’s tuition fees, tuition fee policy and potential increases to fees can be found on the UCL Students website.

ADDITIONAL COSTS
If you are concerned by potential additional costs for books, equipment, etc. on this programme, please get in touch with the relevant departmental contact (details given on this page).

A guide including rough estimates for these and other living expenses is included on the UCL Fees and funding pages. If you are concerned by potential additional costs for books, equipment, etc., please get in touch with the relevant departmental contact (details given on this page).

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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UK withdrawal from the EU
For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK’s withdrawal from the EU, please refer to: www.ucl.ac.uk/brexit.