

# MIDDLE EASTERN LANGUAGES & CULTURES: HEBREW & JUDAICA STUDIES, BA

The major concentration in Hebrew and Judaica explores the development of Hebrew culture from the Biblical through Rabbinic and Medieval Periods through modern times. Because of the interrelationship between language and culture an emphasis is placed on gaining facility in the use of Hebrew language alongside courses in history, culture, literature, and religion of Judaism.

The minimum total course units (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/credits-needed-major/>) for graduation in this major is 34. Double majors may entail more course units.

**For more information:** <https://nelc.sas.upenn.edu/undergraduate/major>  
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## Curriculum

For information about the General Education requirements, please visit the College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum/>) page.

Code	Title	Course Units
<b>College General Education Requirements and Free Electives</b>		
Foundational Approaches + Sectors <sup>1</sup> + Free Electives		20
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
<i>Language Requirement</i>		
Select the following 6 course units if you have no knowledge of Hebrew. With prior knowledge of Hebrew (placement test required), select corresponding number of course units in electives.		6
HEBR/JWST 0100	Elementary Modern Hebrew I	
HEBR/JWST 0200	Elementary Modern Hebrew II	
HEBR/JWST 0300	Intermediate Modern Hebrew III	
HEBR/JWST 0400	Intermediate Modern Hebrew IV	
HEBR/JWST 1000	Advanced Modern Hebrew: Conversation & Writing	
MELC 0303/ JWST 0370	Intermediate Biblical Hebrew I	
<i>Breadth Requirement</i>		
MELC 0001/ ANCH 0100/ HIST 0730	Introduction to the Ancient Middle East	1
MELC 0002	Introduction to the Middle East	1
<i>Concentration Requirements<sup>2</sup></i>		
Select 1 course unit of Biblical Literature (Attribute ANHB) ( <a href="http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/anhb/">http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/anhb/</a> )		1

Select 1 course unit of Rabbinic/Medieval Literature (Attribute ANHR) ( <a href="http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/anhhr/">http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/anhhr/</a> )	1
Select 1 course unit of Modern Hebrew Literature (Attribute ANHM) ( <a href="http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/anhm/">http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/anhm/</a> )	1
Select 2 course units of Concentration Requirements (Attribute ANHC) ( <a href="http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/anhc/">http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/anhc/</a> )	2
Select 1 course unit of Concentration Paper Course	1
<b>Total Course Units</b>	<b>34</b>

<sup>1</sup> You may count no more than one course toward both a Major and a Sector requirement. For Exceptions, check the Policy Statement (<http://www.college.upenn.edu/sectors-policy/>).

<sup>2</sup> May focus on either Medieval or Modern Periods, to be chosen in consultation with the major advisor.

## Honors

**Requirements:** A minimum overall GPA of 3.0 and a GPA of 3.5 in major related courses.

Code	Title	Course Units
MELC 4995	Senior Conference	1
MELC 4999	Independent Study	1

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2024 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.