MODERN HEBREW MINOR

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Hebrew is one of the world’s oldest languages still spoken today. It was similar in origin to ancient Phoenician and developed into an independent language in the 12th century BCE. Hebrew was the spoken language of the Patriarchs during the Biblical period, and the Bible is written in Hebrew. While Aramaic, which utilizes the same alphabet, replaced Hebrew as the spoken language for centuries, Hebrew remained a language used for ritual, prayer, literature, and written communication. As a spoken language, Modern Hebrew began to emerge in the late 19th century and became, in 1913, the official language of instruction in Jewish schools in the region of Palestine. In 1948, Hebrew (along with Arabic) became the official language of the modern state of Israel.

Department Programs

Majors

- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Interdisciplinary Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-general-concentration)
- Asian Studies Major, B.A.–Arab Cultures Concentration (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-arab-cultures-concentration)

Minors

- Arabic Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/arabic-minor)
- Asian Studies Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-minor)
- Chinese Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/chinese-minor)
- Modern Hebrew Minor (p. 1)
- Hindi-Urdu Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/hindi-urdu-minor)
- Japanese Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/japanese-minor)
- Korean Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/korean-minor)
- Middle Eastern Languages Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/middle-eastern-languages-minor)
- Persian Minor (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/persian-minor)

Requirements

In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:

- take at least nine hours of their minor course requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum of 12 hours of C or better in the minor (some minors require more)

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/general-education-curriculum-degree-requirements/#degreerequirementstext).

The undergraduate minor in Hebrew consists of four courses.

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The other course must be chosen from among the following: 3

- ASIA 106 Israeli Popular Culture: The Case of Music
- ASIA/HIST/PWAD 277 The Conflict over Israel/Palestine
- ASIA/JWST 53 First-Year Seminar: Israeli Popular Culture: The Case of Music
- ASIA/JWST 60 First-Year Seminar: Israeli Culture and Society: Collective Memories and Fragmented Identities
- ASIA/JWST 436 Language, Exile, and Homeland in Zionist Thought and Practice
- ASIA/JWST/PWAD 235 Israeli Cinema: Gender, Nation, and Ethnicity
- ASIA/JWST 357/PWAD 362 The Arab-Jews: Culture, Community, and Coexistence
- ASIA/JWST 425 Beyond Hostilities: Israeli-Palestinian Exchanges and Partnerships in Film, Literature, and Music
- RELI/JWST 103 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Literature
- RELI/JWST 343 Religion in Modern Israel

Total Hours 12

Honors version available. An honors course fulfills the same requirements as the nonhonors version of that course. Enrollment and GPA restrictions may apply.
Placement credit (PL) may not be used to meet minor requirements.

See the program page here (http://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/asian-studies-major-ba-general-concentration) for special opportunities.