Hebrew Language and Literature Program – Goals

Introduction
The Hebrew Language and Literature Program, in the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, offers instruction in Hebrew language and literature and in teaching of the Hebrew language. Our program allows students to acquire an advanced level of proficiency in the language as well as a strong background in Hebrew culture and literature. Courses include biblical studies, post-biblical and Talmudic literature, Modern Hebrew literature and culture, Hebrew language, and Hebrew language education.

Modern Hebrew Language Curriculum Outcomes

Skills
Students majoring in Hebrew language and literature at Brandeis will:

- achieve functional linguistic proficiency in the four language skills (speaking, listening, writing, reading) at the level of a near native speaker by applying the acquired knowledge in all areas of language and culture
- be able to utilize all four language skills in both formal (e.g. academic and business) and informal settings (e.g. social and spontaneous interaction)

Knowledge
Students majoring in Hebrew language and literature at Brandeis will:

- be able to analyze, evaluate and interpret different aspects (e.g. linguistic and cultural) of the written and oral language with respect to different genres, including media, modern literature, and classical texts
- acquire a deep understanding of the historical evolution and contemporary development of the language through analysis of language structure
- develop both comprehension of and appreciation for cultural phenomena such as social and artistic elements represented in the language
- become familiar with mechanisms of language acquisition which will support them on their continued journey of being lifelong learners of the Hebrew language

Upon graduation
An undergraduate major in Hebrew will prepare students for graduate school and professions in fields such as education, business, journalism, diplomacy and more.