

Arabic Language and Literature

ARBC 10A: Beginning Arabic I (1)

Hanan Khashaba/Staff (MWTh 10-10:50, TF 9:30-10:50)

Six class hours per week.

A first course in literary Arabic, covering essentials of grammar, reading, pronunciation, translation, and composition.

ARBC 10A: Beginning Arabic I (2)

Hanan Khashaba/Staff (MWTh 11-11:50, TF 11-12:20)

Six class hours per week.

A first course in literary Arabic, covering essentials of grammar, reading, pronunciation, translation, and composition.

ARBC 30A: Intermediate Arabic I

Staff (MWTh 1-1:50, TF 12:30-1:50)

Prerequisite: A grade of C- or higher in ARBC 20B or the equivalent. Six class hours per week.

Continuation of ARBC 10a and 20b. Study of more advanced grammatical and syntactical forms, reading, speaking, composition and translation.

ARBC 103A: Lower Advanced Arabic

Carl El-Tobgui (MTWTh 1-1:50)

Prerequisite: ARBC 40b or the equivalent. Four class-hours per week.

Designed to help the student attain advanced proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and understanding. The syllabus includes selections from modern texts representing a variety of styles and genres, advanced composition, and sustained development of oral-aural proficiency in Modern Standard Arabic.

ARBC 106A: Advanced Arabic I: Contemporary Arabic Literature

Staff (MTWTh 10-10:50)

Prerequisite: A grade of C- or higher in ARBC 103b or the equivalent. Four class hours per week. May be repeated for credit.

Develops advanced reading competence through a variety of modern literary texts focusing on contemporary Arab society, culture, and intellectual life. Continued solidification of advanced grammar and style with application through frequent writing assignments, both analytical and creative. Class conducted entirely in Arabic.

Hebrew Language and Literature

HBRW 10A: Beginning Hebrew

Guy Antebi (MWThF 10-10:50)

Four class hours and one additional lab hour per week.

For students with no previous knowledge and those with a minimal background. Intensive training in the basics of Hebrew grammar, listening comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing.

HBRW 19A: Beginning Hebrew: Honors

Esther Shorr (MWThF 11-11:50)

Prerequisite: Hebrew placement exam. Only one 10-level Hebrew course may be taken for credit. Four class hours and one additional lab hour per week.

A beginner course for those students with some exposure to Hebrew.

Builds upon the initial exposure, continuing to teach the basics of grammar, vocabulary, speaking, and writing.

HBRW 20B: Intermediate Hebrew (1)

Esther Shorr (MWThF 10-10:50)

Prerequisite: HBRW 10a or the equivalent as determined by placement examination. Only one 20-level Hebrew course may be taken for credit.

Four class hours and one lab hour per week.

Continuation of HBRW 10a, employing the same methods. Intensive training in Hebrew grammar, listening, comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing.

HBRW 20B: Intermediate Hebrew (2)

Esther Shorr (MWTh 12-12:50, F 12:30-1:20)

Prerequisite: HBRW 10a or the equivalent as determined by placement examination. Only one 20-level Hebrew course may be taken for credit.

Four class hours and one lab hour per week.

Continuation of HBRW 10a, employing the same methods. Intensive training in Hebrew grammar, listening, comprehension, speaking, reading, and writing.

HBRW 34A: Intermediate Hebrew II: Aspects of Israeli Culture (1)

Guy Antebi (MWThF 11-11:50)

Prerequisite: Any 20-level Hebrew course or the equivalent as determined by placement examination. Four class hours and one lab hour per week.

A continuation of HBRW 20b. An intermediate- to mid-level course that helps students strengthen their skills at this level. Contemporary cultural aspects will be stressed and a variety of materials will be used.

HBRW 34A: Intermediate Hebrew II: Aspects of Israeli Culture (2)

Guy Antebi (MWTh 12-12:50, F 12:30-1:20)

Prerequisite: Any 20-level Hebrew course or the equivalent as determined by placement examination. Four class hours and one lab hour per week.

A continuation of HBRW 20b. An intermediate- to mid-level course that helps students strengthen their skills at this level. Contemporary cultural aspects will be stressed and a variety of materials will be used.

HBRW 35A: Conversation and Writing Skills

Aliza Brosh (MWTh 12-12:50, F 12:30-1:20)

Prerequisite: HBRW 20b or the equivalent as determined by placement examination. Four class hours and one lab hour per week.

An intermediate-level course designed to improve the linguistic and writing skills of students who have an extensive background in the language but lack the academic skills to fulfill the language requirements or to pursue a higher level of Hebrew or Judaic studies.

HBRW 44B: Advanced Intermediate Hebrew: Israeli Culture and Media

Aliza Brosh (MTWTh 1-1:50)

Prerequisite: Any 30-level Hebrew course or the equivalent. Students may not take this course and HBRW 49b for credit. Four class hours per week.

Reinforces the acquired skills of speaking, listening comprehension, reading, and writing at the intermediate to mid/high level. Contemporary cultural aspects are stressed; conversational Hebrew and reading of selections from modern literature, political essays, and newspaper articles.

HBRW 144A: Hebrew through Plays and Drama

Sara Hascal (T 6:30-9:20)

Prerequisite: Four semesters of Hebrew or permission of the instructor.

Four class hours and two additional weekly hours of lab work are required. Helps improve Hebrew language skills at the intermediate-high/advanced-level by focusing on various creative aspects such as improvisations, drama, performance, and other acting techniques such as movement, imagination, and other basic skills necessary to act out scenes from various plays in the Hebrew language.

HBRW 162B: Translation Practice and Theory

Sara Hascal (MW 2-3:20)

Focuses on the practice and theory of Hebrew to English translation.

Students will translate and edit authentic materials (literary texts, television series, film, internet sites, speeches and newspapers.) We will also use short texts on the theory and practice of translation in order to reflect on our own translation practices.

Yiddish Language and Literature

YDSH 10A: Beginning Yiddish

Ellen Kellman (MTWTh 11-11:50)

Meets for four class hours per week.

The first of a four-semester sequence, this course introduces basic Yiddish grammar. Students also develop reading, writing, and conversational skills. Yiddish songs, poetry, and folklore are incorporated throughout.

YDSH 30A: Intermediate Yiddish

Ellen Kellman (MTWTh 10-10:50)

Prerequisite: YDSH 20b or permission of the instructor. Meets for four class hours per week.

Third in a four-semester sequence. Students continue to develop reading skills as they sample texts from Yiddish prose fiction, folklore, and memoir literature. Grammatical instruction is more contextualized than in the previous courses. Speaking and writing skills are strongly emphasized.

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Hebrew Placement Information

Hebrew 10:

No exam necessary. Please place yourself in the appropriate section according to these criteria:

If you have no knowledge of Hebrew, or if you have partial knowledge of the Hebrew alphabet and know 10 to 20 words you are considered a beginner and should register for Hebrew 10.

If you are familiar with the Hebrew alphabet and know 30-50 words, or you have some minor background in Hebrew, you are considered an advanced beginner and should register for Hebrew 19 (Honors).

Hebrew 20, 29 (Honors), and Hebrew 30

If you think your level is above Hebrew 10, please download* and print the Placement Exam or take it online and return it to the Hebrew Department completed, handwritten in ink, along with the questionnaire. Please email scanned copy of your Placement Exam (or fax) at least a week before Pre-Enrollment or Registration starts. The department will notify you of the result via email. Please register for the assigned section.

Hebrew 40 and above

If your placement exam indicated that your level in Hebrew is 40 or above you are a candidate for exemption from the university language requirement. Please note that exemption can only be given based on an exemption test (written and oral). Please contact the Hebrew Program upon arrival at Brandeis to arrange for the exemption exam. The Hebrew Department will notify you and suggest to you a variety of upper level courses which you may enjoy in either level 40 or level 100.

Please send the questionnaire and your completed Placement Exam to:

Hebrew Program

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