

# Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies

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Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies provides a rich undergraduate course of study for students seeking an advanced, structured yet flexible, comprehensive, and intensive program in the major areas of Jewish learning, such as Talmud, Bible, Hebrew language and literature, Jewish history, Jewish philosophy and ethics, and Jewish law. The program attracts students interested in a broad range of Jewish studies in addition to Talmud studies.

The school was named in 1982 in recognition of a major gift by the late Hermann Merkin and his wife, Ursula, in memory of her father, Isaac Breuer. The College is the successor of Teachers Institute for Men, 1917–66, and Erna Michael College of Hebraic Studies, 1966–82. IBC is located at the Wilf Campus and benefits from its association with several of the university's other schools and their educational resources as well as from the wealth of public and private educational facilities in New York City. Faculty and students alike seek to create an atmosphere that provides and promotes the highest standards of ethical conduct and scholarship in the achievement of personal and professional goals.

A wide range of courses provides valuable training in the utilization of primary sources, research methods, and independent work. IBC also provides career preparation for those interested in Jewish education, ordination, or graduate Hebraic or Semitic studies. Its rich offerings in other areas qualify it as a preparatory program for both ordination at the affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and for advanced graduate study at Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies and the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration.

Isaac Breuer College curricula may lead to a Hebrew Teacher's Diploma and the degrees of Associate in Arts, Bachelor of Arts, and Bachelor of Science. Accredited by the National Board of License for Hebrew Teachers, it is a member of the American Association of Hebrew Teachers Colleges.

IBC maintains intensive personal counseling contacts with each student; periodic evaluations examine all factors bearing on his success in the program.

## **ADMISSION**

To qualify for admission, a student must be a graduate of a Jewish all-day high school or have completed the equivalent work. Candidates also may be considered for Early Admission. All prospective students meet with the dean for admission and placement purposes.

Students must register for at least 12 credit hours within the program each semester. The cumulative index of these courses will transfer as 3 HES credits in the student's college record.

## **DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Course and credit requirement: Successful completion of the courses required of all students as listed previously, and five additional courses distributed as follows: one semester of BIB and four more elective courses chosen from JHI, JPH, and JUD.
- B. Residence requirement: Full-time residency at Isaac Breuer College at least four semesters.
- C. Grade requirement: A minimum cumulative average of 2.0 (C).
- D. Administrative requirement: The prior or simultaneous receipt of a BA or BS degree from Yeshiva College or Sy Syms School. Each student must have filed an Application for Degree during the registration period of the semester in which he completes all requirements.

## **REQUIRED COURSES**

The following courses in Hebrew language, literature, and culture are required of all students:

BIB 1015 plus three additional Bible courses, two of which must be text courses numbered above 2000  
HEB 1205 and 1206  
JHI two courses from 1200, 1300, 1400  
TAL four semesters  
JUD/JPH two semesters

## **CURRICULUM**

### **Associate in Arts**

#### **SCHOOL REGULATIONS**

##### **Attendance**

Students are expected to attend all their scheduled class sessions and to be present promptly at the beginning of the hour, unless prevented from doing so by illness or other compelling cause. A record of each student's class attendance is kept by the instructor.

A student's attendance record may be taken into account when determining his status in the university. Continued unexcused absences will result in the student's being dropped from the course with a grade of G, which may lead to probation or academic dismissal from the college.

Permission to register late in a course does not in itself excuse the student's absence from classes already held.

#### **HEBREW TEACHER'S DIPLOMA**

Students seeking a Hebrew Teacher's Diploma must complete the course and credit requirements of all IBC students. In addition, after consulting with their faculty advisor, a course of study will be devised, which will include courses in education and psychology in conjunction with the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration.

Holders of the Hebrew Teacher's Diploma will receive, on application to the National Board of License for Hebrew Teachers and/or regional licensing boards, a license to teach in schools under the jurisdiction of those boards.

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

##### **Majors and Minors**

Students may select majors or minors from among the following: Bible, Hebrew, Jewish history, Jewish philosophy, Judaic studies, Talmud.

##### **Degree Requirements**

Students must complete the course and credit requirements as previously listed for all students, and additional courses in Hebrew language, literature, philosophy, and ethics as determined by a faculty advisor. Students may fulfill their degree requirements by taking courses at the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies or the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration; a minimum of half the required credits, however, must be taken at Isaac Breuer College.

#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

The purpose of the Bachelor of Arts program is to prepare students to serve as teacher-scholars of Hebrew and cognate subjects for grades 7–12. It is open to select students who possess a comprehensive knowledge of Hebrew, are strongly motivated to enter the field of education, and are prepared to undertake a rigorous curriculum. Students who complete the program are awarded a Hebrew Teacher's Diploma in addition to the Bachelor of Arts degree.

##### **Degree Requirements**

The same residence, grade, examination, and administrative requirements apply here as for the Bachelor of Science, with the additional requirement of courses in education and psychology, which will be taken in conjunction with the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration and the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies, as determined by a faculty advisor.