Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies

Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies (IBC) 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 the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies and the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration.

IBC curricula may lead to the degree of Associate in Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts.

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

REGISTRATION
Students must register for at least 15 credit hours within the program each semester. The cumulative index of these courses will transfer as three (3) HES credits in the student’s college record.

PLACEMENT

To qualify for placement, a student must 1) be in attendance at Yeshiva College or Sy Syms School of Business, unless the student already holds a bachelor’s degree; 2) have knowledge of Hebrew (modern, medieval and biblical); and 3) take a placement exam prior to their acceptance to the program. Students are assigned classes based upon the results of the placement exam. Students must register for at least 15 credit hours within the program each semester.
DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

• ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (AA)

A. **Course and credit requirements**: Successful completion of the courses required of all students as listed under the Required Courses section below and five additional courses distributed as follows: one semester of BIB and four more elective courses chosen from JHI, JPH, JUD, and TAL.

B. **Residence requirement**: Full-time residency at Isaac Breuer College for at least four semesters.

C. **Grade requirement**: A minimum cumulative average of 2.0 (C).

D. **Administrative requirements**: The prior or simultaneous receipt of a BA or BS degree from Yeshiva College or Sy Syms School of Business. Each student must have filed an Application for Degree during the registration period of the semester in which he completes all requirements.

• 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 adviser. 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 adviser.
REQUIRED COURSES
The following courses in Hebrew language, literature, and culture are required of all students:

- Bible: BIB1015 plus three additional Bible courses, two of which must be text courses numbered above 2000
- Hebrew Language: HEB 1205 and 1206
- Jewish History: two courses from 1200, 1300, 1400
- Jewish Philosophy (JPH) two semesters
- Judaic Studies (JUD) two semesters
- Talmud (TAL) four semesters

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 will be taken into account when determining his final grade. Students with unexcused absences of more than 50% of the scheduled sessions will receive the grade of a G for the course.

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

The cumulative index of the courses will transfer as three (3) HES credits in the student’s college record.

Students that do not maintain a GPA above 2.0 will be placed on probation for the next academic semester. Students with two consecutive semesters or three semesters overall of work below a 2.0 are subject to dismissal from the school. Students must show positive progression through the program and cannot graduate if in their last semester they receive less than a 2.0 GPA. Students with two semesters of unsatisfactory work are subject to possible dismissal from the school.

ETHICS AND SCHOLARSHIP

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. All rules and procedures delineated in the academic integrity policy on cheating and plagiarism apply to students in undergraduate Jewish studies courses.
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 adviser, 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.