

THE LESTER AND SALLY ENTIN FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

Fields of specialization for the M.A. degree

The duration of studies towards the M.A. degree in the Faculty of Humanities is two years; the object is to deepen the student's knowledge in his chosen field, and to teach him/her methods of scientific research.

Most M.A. programs offer two tracks, one which includes an M.A. thesis and one which concludes with an M.A. exam without a thesis.

Applicants for M.A. studies, whose B.A. certificate is not from the same department, may be requested to study a cluster of supplementary courses, according to the decision of the Teaching Committee.

The M.A. studies are offered within the framework of the various Departments and Schools, in the following areas:

- Arabic and Islamic studies – in the "Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies";
- Archaeology and Ancient Near Eastern Cultures – in the "Department of Archaeology and Ancient Near Eastern Cultures";
- Bible – in the "Department of Hebrew Culture Studies";
- Classical Studies – in the "School of History" or in the "Department of Classical Studies";
- Cognitive Studies of Language and its Uses – in "The Shirley and Leslie Porter School of Cultural Studies";
- Culture Research – in "The Shirley and Leslie Porter School of Cultural Studies";
- Editing Studies Program (diploma studies) – in the "Department of Hebrew Culture Studies";
- English – in the "Department of English";
- French – in the "Department of French";
- Geography and the Human Environment – in the "Department of Geography and the Human Environment";
- Hebrew Language – in the "Department of Hebrew Culture Studies";
- History (Classical History, The Middle Ages, Early Modern History [15th – 18th century], Europe in the

- Modern Period, Military and Diplomatic History, The History of the Americas) – in the "Department of History";
- History of the Middle East in the Modern Period and Africa in the Modern Period – in the "Department of Middle Eastern and African History";
 - History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas – in the "Cohen Institute of History and Philosophy of Sciences and Ideas";
 - Interdisciplinary MA Program in Jewish Studies – in "The Chaim Rosenberg School of Jewish Studies";
 - Jewish History – in the "Department of Jewish History";
 - Jewish Philosophy – in the "Department of Hebrew Culture Studies";
 - Linguistics – in the "Department of Linguistics";
 - Literature (Poetics [Theory of Literature], Hebrew Literature, Comparative Literature) – in the "Department of Literature";
 - Philosophy – in the "Department of Philosophy";
 - Religious Studies – in the "School of Philosophy";
 - Semitic Linguistics – in the "Department of Hebrew Culture Studies";
 - Talmud and Ancient Jewish Literature – in the "Department of Hebrew Culture Studies";
 - Translation and Revision (diploma studies) – in "The Shirley and Leslie Porter School of Cultural Studies".

0631 Arabic Language and Literature and Islam Studies

The Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies

M.A. studies are aimed at enabling students to attain an in-depth level of specialization in one of the branches of Arab and Islam studies.

0671 Archaeology and Ancient Near Eastern Cultures¹

The Department of Archaeology and Ancient Near Eastern Cultures

There are five areas of study:

The archaeology of Archaeology of Israel and its surroundings from the prehistorical era to the beginning of the Middle Ages; Egyptology; Anatolian studies;

1 Applicants are requested to indicate their special interest on their application form.

Mesopotamian studies; Greek and Roman studies.

0690 Bible

The Department of Hebrew Culture Studies – track 212

The graduate program aims to expand the student's knowledge of Biblical studies, and to prepare them for research in the field.

The M.A. program consists of two alternative courses of study: with or without an M.A. thesis.

0672 Department of Classical Studies

Applicants must have a B.A. degree in Classical studies or in General History section of Roman and Greece ancient history, with a final grade of 80.

The M.A. program requires two years for completion and offers two M.A. programs: in Greek Language and Literature and in Latin Language and Literature. The language and literature programs embrace history and philosophy. These programs emphasize a solid grounding in the general field of study as well as depth of understanding in a more narrowly defined specialization. The M.A. in Classics may be pursued as an end in itself or as a stage on the way to Ph.D.

The office of the Classics department is located in the Gilman building, room 325; telephone 03-6409779, fax 03-6409457.

0688 Cognitive Studies of Language and its Uses

The Shirley and Leslie Porter School of Cultural Studies

The purpose of the program is to train students in interdisciplinary studies within the framework of cognitive studies of language and its uses.

Admission is open to students who have completed B.A. studies with a minimum grade of 85. Preference is given to students with previous education in theoretical linguistics, discourse, psycholinguistics, pragmatics, philosophy of language, speech therapy, poetics, and computational linguistics. Students with an academic background other than the above will have to take supplementary courses.

0669 Culture Research Graduate Program

The Shirley and Leslie Porter School of Cultural Studies

The program approaches culture from a socio-semiotic perspective, focusing on the analysis of culture as the totality of models that organize social activity and its products and shape large social groupings as well as

individuals and the worlds in which they live. Special attention is given to the dynamics of culture and patterns of long-term change.

During their studies, students are expected to acquire: a) a basic acquaintance with a number of approaches to culture research; b) familiarity with one specific culture and its language; c) the ability to conduct research.

A personal program of studies is designed for each student according to the area of specialization chosen.

There are two stages of study: a) preparatory; b) specialty.

The preparatory stage within the Culture Research Graduate Program includes specific courses, which are required of all students. The specialty stage leads to the preparation of an M.A. thesis.

Students who have completed a B.A. with a final minimum grade of 85 will be admitted. When necessary, candidates are interviewed by the program's Admissions Committee. Special weight is given to papers previously written by candidates testifying to their potential as researchers. All candidates must demonstrate fluency in reading and writing two foreign languages. During the initial stages of study, students, according to the proposed area of specialization, will learn a third language, attaining a measure of fluency in reading.

Students who have not had at least 16 semester hours of semiotics and culture research are required to take supplementary courses in accordance with the decision of the program's teaching committee.

0699 Editing Studies Program (diploma studies)

The Department of Hebrew Culture Studies

This is a postgraduate one-year program designed to qualify students to become editors through theoretical studies and workshops.

Students with an average grade of 80 will be admitted to the program after an interview. Students with no background in Hebrew Language studies will have to take courses from the Hebrew Language general program as a prerequisite for the editing studies.

0626 English

The Department of English

There are three areas of study:

- English Literature to 1800

- English and American Literature since 1800
- Literary Criticism

The English Department offers an M.A. degree with or without thesis.

Admission requirements: candidates who have completed their B.A. studies in the English Department with the final grade of at least 80 are entitled to register. Candidates who have completed their B.A. studies in other departments in Israeli universities with a final grade of at least 80, or candidates who have completed their B.A. studies abroad will be called for an interview and may be required to take supplementary courses. No student will be admitted to M.A. studies or for supplementary courses before getting an exemption “ptor” in English. For details about requirements, please contact the department office.

0625 French

In the Department of French

Students with a minimum B.A. grade of 80 will be admitted. There are two graduate programs:¹ French Literature and Culture and French Linguistics. Both are two-year programs.

1. French Literature and Culture

This program offers three main options:

French Literature from the Middle Ages until the 20th Centuries, Descriptive Poetics of French Literature , and Translation from French into Hebrew.

Students commence work on their M.A. thesis during the second year.

2. French Linguistics

Admission is open to students who have attained a minimum B.A. grade of 80 and have written one seminar paper on linguistics.

This program offers two main options:

- a. Theoretical French Linguistics: Requirements regarding seminar papers and M.A. dissertations are the same as those for the Literature program.
- b. Applied French Linguistics and the Teaching of French as a Foreign Language: This option is intended for students who wish to combine the

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study of French linguistics with a specialization in methods of teaching French in schools, developing study programs in this field, or carrying out research into the French language in general.

Admission requirements are the same as for students in option a. This option is for students who have begun studying for a teaching diploma in addition to their M.A. studies.

The Department offers a graduate studies track which does not require an M.A. Thesis. It is designed for students who wish to expand their professional education in French Literature and Linguistics, but do not intend to do a Ph.D.

0691 Geography and the Human Environment¹

The Department of Geography and the Human Environment

Admission is open to candidates who have completed a B.A. in geography. Candidates must have a grade average of 80 as well as a minimum grade of 80 in all seminars written during the course of their studies. Candidates who have completed an undergraduate degree in a discipline other than Geography are required to complete supplementary courses.

0690 Hebrew Language

The Department of Hebrew Culture Studies – track 214

The graduate program aims at expanding the student's knowledge of Hebrew linguistics. Applicants are required to have a knowledge of German equivalent to that of one preparatory year.

The M.A. program consists of two alternative tracks: with or without an M.A. thesis.

History

In the Department of History

Applicants must have a B.A. degree in history with a final grade of 85 and an "Exempt" level in a modern European language in addition to English. Students with a degree in other subjects may also be admitted but will have to complete a supplementary program.

Fields of Specialization:

0656 Classical History

0657 The Middle Ages

1 Studies take place in the Yad Avner Building in Afeka.

- 0698 Early Modern History, 15th – 18th century
0652 Europe in the Modern Period
0653 Military and Diplomatic History¹
0632 The History of the Americas

0654 History of the Middle East in the Modern Period and Africa in the Modern Period

In the Department of Middle Eastern and African History

The M.A. program aims to deepen the student's knowledge and understanding of the Middle East and Africa in the modern era and to train researchers in this field.

Admission requirements: Knowledge of Arabic with the ability to read classical and modern sources with a grade of at least 80 (in the African track this requirement does not apply). In addition, a grade of 80 or more is required for seminar papers submitted in the three tracks during undergraduate studies.

In the Middle Eastern track, in addition to an exemption in Arabic, an additional exemption is required in one of the following languages: Persian, Turkish or a European language. In the African track, an exemption is required in one of the following languages: Swahili, Persian, Turkish or a European language.

0659 History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas

In the Cohen Institute of History and Philosophy of Sciences and Ideas

This MA program offers a multidisciplinary approach to the study of various historical and philosophical aspects of the natural, human and social sciences, while providing a critical assessment of the interactions between the sciences and the intellectual, social, political and cultural contexts within which it emerges and is practiced.

The Research Track: In the MA Research Track of the Cohn Institute for History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas students complete their studies with the writing of an MA thesis in their field of specialization.

The non-Research Track (in collaboration with the Philosophy Dept.): Study programs will be offered in which the students are not required to write an MA thesis.

1 Security Studies, a joint program with the Faculty of Social Sciences.

0641 Interdisciplinary MA Program in Jewish Studies

The Chaim Rosenberg School of Jewish Studies

The Interdisciplinary MA Program in Jewish Studies focuses on traversing the various fields in Jewish Studies. The program is based on a number of clusters from which students may select their specialty. The program comprises three areas of study:

Judaism as an Interpretative Culture

Judaism as an encounter of Cultures: the formation, consolidation and development of Jewish culture at the time of encounters with neighboring cultures or with cultures which also include Jewish communities.

Judaism and Israelism: Identity, Culture and Society; the character, evolvement and relations between Israeli identity and Judaism; the link between modern Israeli culture and Jewish tradition; the relations between Israel and the Diaspora; the status of religious belief and Jewish tradition in Israeli society ; the Jewish state as a democracy.

There will be the option of a personal track as well.

In the framework of this program towards the MA degree, the student will focus on two or three of these clusters.

There are two tracks of study in the program: MA degree with thesis or without thesis. Students will be advised to opt for the thesis track after the program academic committee reviews their qualifications and achievements (after following the submission of at least

one seminar paper). There is also a track leading directly to the doctorate.

Admission requirements are the same as those for acceptance to any of the departments in the School of Jewish Studies: a minimum final grade of 80 in undergraduate studies. Students with BA degree in one of the disciplines in Jewish Studies from academic colleges will be accepted according to the same conditions as students from other universities. Candidates with a B.Ed. degree from teacher's colleges will be accepted according to the conditions set by the graduate admissions committee of the University and will be required to complement their studies.

0677 Jewish History

in the Department of Jewish History

The Department studies are organized in three principle periods:

Ancient history

Medieval history

Modern period

A graduate student can choose one of the following programs:

1. M.A. thesis program: The student chooses two major periods and in the end of his first year will choose a supervisor to lead him in preparing his M.A thesis.

2. Non-thesis program: The student chooses two major periods and in the end of his studies will undergo two major exams.

0690 Jewish Philosophy

The Department of Hebrew Culture Studies – track 216

Graduate studies of the Department of Jewish Philosophy offer an opportunity for students to expand their knowledge of Jewish philosophy. Students are given the opportunity to develop their own area of specialization under the supervision of a personal supervisor.

Admission is open to candidates who have completed their B.A. studies with a minimum grade of 80. In special cases, candidates with lower averages may apply to the department for special instructions concerning the terms of their acceptance.

Students in this program may choose one of two alternatives:

A. To complete their degree without an M.A. thesis. In this case the program is designed to broaden the students' knowledge of Jewish thought throughout the ages, starting at the time of the second temple. The students are required to complete courses in 3 out of the department's 4 sections –

1. Jewish thought in the formative period of Mishna and Talmud.
2. Jewish Medieval Philosophy (9th to 16th centuries).
3. Modern Jewish thought (17th to 21st century).
4. Kabbalah and Hasidism

B. To complete their degree with an M.A. thesis. In this case the program is designed to qualify the students for independent research and students should therefore focus on 2 of the above mentioned sections and write a

thesis in one of them.

0627 Linguistics

In the Department of Linguistics

The M.A. program offers intensive, research-oriented studies covering the major areas of theoretical linguistics. The program aims to provide in-depth knowledge in the various sub-domains of theoretical linguistics, and to prepare the student for specialization in one of the research areas of the discipline. The Linguistics Department offers two tracks to the M.A. degree: a research-oriented track with a thesis requirement, and an M.A. studies track without a thesis requirement. Fields of research available include generative syntax, formal semantics, phonological theory, pragmatics and psycholinguistics.

Admission is open to students who have completed a B.A. degree with a final minimum grade of 80. Students who do not have sufficient background in theoretical linguistics may be admitted on a provisional basis contingent on satisfactorily completing a set of supplementary courses with a minimum average grade of 80.

0680 Literature

In the Department of Literature

M.A. degree studies are geared at providing the student with in-depth and comprehensive knowledge of the various areas of Poetics (Theory of Literature), Hebrew Literature, Comparative Literature (with the same emphases as those specified in the B.A. program) and to impart skills in conducting research and independent study. The M.A. program is not divided into subject tracks, but strives to enable each student to find his own direction and participate in courses, most of which are seminars, taught by the senior members of the Department's faculty.

Graduate studies are offered either with or without an M.A. dissertation.

0618 Philosophy

In the Department of Philosophy

The graduate program encourages students to study intensively one or two areas of philosophy; broaden their knowledge in the history of philosophy; and develop methodological research skills. There are two programs leading to an M.A. degree – one with a final thesis and one without.

Applicants must have a B.A. degree in philosophy with a minimum final grade of 80. Students with a final grade of 75 from other departments may be accepted to a supplementary program of one to two years.

0697 Religious Studies – Interdisciplinary Graduate Program

In the School of Philosophy

The object of this program is to introduce students to the wide range of disciplines associated with the study of religion and religious ideas. The program enables students to focus on one or two of these disciplines and to become acquainted with the possibilities of research in the field(s) of their choice. The program encourages inter-disciplinary study with other faculties.

Students must have a B.A. with an average grade of no less than 80. Those accepted into the program are first required to take a series of supplementary courses (totaling between 16-32 semester hours). The number and the subjects of these supplementary courses depend on the student's prior studies as an undergraduate. An individual program of supplementary courses is devised for each student, which draws on an existing list of study categories considered to be most applicable to the interdisciplinary program of Religious Studies. These study categories are included in the General Studies undergraduate program offered by the [Faculty of Humanities](#).

Candidates must receive an average grade of 80 in the supplementary courses in order to continue in the program.

Candidates are requested to contact the program advisor for more details. An appointment can be made through the Department secretariat, Tel. 6405627, Room 438, Gilman Building.

0690 Semitic Linguistics

In the The Department of Hebrew Culture Studies – track 224

The M.A. program is designed for students with a suitable background in general linguistic theory and analysis (particularly syntax and phonology), who wish to specialize in various areas of general or historical linguistics or to conduct research in psycho-linguistics and language acquisition.

Graduates of the department may also proceed to the School of Education to study for a Teaching Certificate and/or an M.A. in Teaching English as a Second

Language (see separate section and requirements under "[School of Education](#)").

Candidates who have completed a B.A. degree in linguistics with a final grade of 80 or above will be accepted as regular students. Students admitted to the program who lack sufficient background in linguistics must undertake preparatory course work, to be determined by the M.A. adviser. These students will be admitted on a provisional basis contingent on their satisfactorily completing their preparatory course work with a minimum grade average of 80.

0690 Talmud and Ancient Jewish Literature

In the The Department of Hebrew Culture Studies – track 282

This program aims to provide students with the necessary tools for an independent and critical approach to the sources of Written and Oral Law throughout the ages, to the various areas of the literature of the Halacha and Aggadah and the textual, literary, historical, Halachic and theoretical problems they entail.

0633 Translation and Revision – diploma studies

The Shirley and Leslie Porter School of Cultural Studies

The purpose of this diploma study program is to qualify translators and translation editors, who will gain experience not only in a variety of professional workshops but also will be introduced to a succession of theories and studies in the field of translation. Emphasis will be placed on the concept of the norm and on making knowledgeable decisions in translations.

SCHOOLS:

0641 – Master's Program in Jewish Studies

In the framework of the Chaim Rosenberg School of Jewish Studies

The Master's program Jewish Studies incorporates various fields in Jewish Studies. The program consists of three courses of study (described below) of which the students must choose two – a major and a minor. There is also a possibility of creating a personal customized program.

Study Programs:

Judaism as an Interpretive Culture – This program offers the student a variety of courses concerning

Jewish culture as a manner of interpretation, such as historiography as interpretation; Torah and ethics as interpretations of social codes of behavior; the relationship between art and “life” as a manner of interpretation, etc.

Judaism as a Meeting of Cultures – This program offers studies around the shaping, formation and development of Jewish Culture in its encounters with neighboring cultures or with cultures in which Jewish communities resided. The courses in this track present links between the Jewish people and other nations and their cultures throughout the ages, from the Biblical era until contemporary times: the ties of the Jewish people with Egypt, Assyria and Babylon; Jews and Jewry in the Hellenistic world; Judaism and Islam; cultural emancipation, and symbiosis in German Jewry; Jewish languages as a meeting of cultures, etc.

Jewish and Israeli Identity – Identity, Culture and Society – this program focuses mainly on the essence of Israeli identity, in its creation and in its relation to Jewry. The studies in this track deal with the affinity between Israeli culture in our times and Jewish tradition, relations between Israel and the Diaspora, the status of religious faith and Jewish tradition in Israeli society, the question of the Jewish state as a democracy, etc.

Study tracks

The program consists of two tracks: track A – Master’s program with an M.A. thesis; track B – Master’s program without an M.A. thesis. Both tracks take two years to complete. There is also a possibility of continuing on directly to a Ph.D. program.

Admission requirements:

The admission requirements are those of the Master’s program in the School of Jewish Studies: an minimum grade of 80 in undergraduate studies. A student whose undergraduate studies were not in the area of Jewish Studies, will be required to take supplementary courses from those offered in the B.A. program in Jewish Studies.

A student who graduated from a college in any field of study will be required to take at least 16 semesterial hours of supplementary studies.

School of History

A graduate school towards Ph.D. degree only.

The Shirley and Leslie Porter School of Cultural Studies

The office of the School for Culture Studies is located in the Gilman building, room 477; telephone 6409325, fax 6407909.

The Shirley and Leslie Porter School of Cultural Studies, a framework for advanced cultural studies, includes the Departments of English, Linguistics, Classic studies,¹ Arabic and Islam studies, Philosophy, French Literature as well as the Porter Institute for Poetics and Semiotics. The School also offers three interdisciplinary graduate programs: Religious Studies, Cognitive Studies of Language and its Uses, and Culture Research. The Cohen Institute for the History of Science and Ideas and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology participate in the activities of the School.

School of Philosophy

The office of the School of Philosophy is located in the Gilman building, room 438; telephone 6405627.

The School of Philosophy is a new academic framework for advanced philosophical studies and other relevant academic activities. Established in 1999, it provides an official framework for both M.A. and Ph.D. students at Tel Aviv University. The School encourages philosophical research in a variety of philosophical areas, deals with the development of study programs and interdisciplinary research, organizes conferences, integrative seminars and workshops, and issues philosophical publications.

The School of Philosophy coordinates the philosophical activity of various academic bodies. These include the Department of Philosophy, the Department of Hebrew Culture Studies, the Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas, the Graduate Program for Philosophy, Religious Studies and Religion and Culture Studies of the Department of Asian Studies. The School also accommodates members of other faculties whose research and teaching concerns philosophy: the Faculty of Social Sciences, the Faculty of Law, the Faculty of Fine Arts, the School of Education, various departments of the Faculty of Exact

1 A joint program with the School of History.

Sciences, and the Faculty of Life Sciences.

The areas of graduate studies in the School of Philosophy are the following: Asian Studies, History and Philosophy of Ideas, History and Philosophy of Science, Jewish Philosophy, Philosophy.

Admission Requirements: Graduate studies are carried out in the various departments of the School of Philosophy. Students are admitted according to the admission requirements of each department.

School of Education

The M.A. programs of the various departments of the School of Education are designed to prepare researchers and professionals in several areas of specialization and to train educational personnel and senior staff to work in the educational systems.

M.A. Programs in the Department of Human Development in Education

0712 Educational Counseling

Including the program:

(0712) Educational Counseling

(0728) Educational Counseling with
a specialization in early childhood

0713 Special Education

Including the programs:

(313) Special Education

(513) Education of Children with Hearing
Impairment

M.A. Programs in the Department of Education Policy and Management

0716 Education Management and Leadership

0734 Sociology of Education

(A joint program with the Department of
Sociology and Anthropology)

0732 History and Philosophy of Education

(356) History and Philosophy of Education with
specialization in History teaching

M.A. Programs in the Department of Curriculum Planning and Instruction

0733 Measurement and Evaluation

0739 Curriculum Planning
(including Educational Communication and Technology)

0752 Language Teaching – English
(for B.A. graduates in English and/or Linguistics)

0754 Language Teaching – Arabic
(for B.A. graduates in Arabic)

M.A. Programs in the Department of Science Education

0755 Life Sciences Education – Teaching
(for B.A. graduates in Biology)

0751 Exact Sciences Education – Teaching
(for B.A. graduates in Physics, Mathematics, Computer Sciences, Chemistry, Engineering and General Sciences)

A final minimum B.A. grade of 85 is a prerequisite for the programs:

Educational Counseling

Special Education

Curriculum Development

Sociology of Education

Education Management and Leadership

A final minimum B.A. grade of 80 is a prerequisite for the programs:

Measurement and Evaluation

Foreign Languages Teaching – English

Foreign Languages Teaching – Arabic

History and Philosophy of Education

A final minimum B.A. grade of 75 is a prerequisite for the programs:

Life Sciences Education – Teaching

Exact Sciences Education – Teaching

Applicants for M.A. studies in the programs Language Teaching, History Teaching, Life Sciences, and the Exact Sciences must have a teaching certificate. Those who have not will be required to obtain a teaching certificate.

Admission depends on the Admissions Committee's decisions.

These studies do not qualify students for a teaching certificate.

Teaching Certificate Studies

This is a one or two year program, depending on the candidates track and previous academic studies.

Only university graduates can apply for Teaching Certificate studies.

Teaching Certificate Study Tracks

0721 Study track in the Department of Human Development in Education

420 – Special Education and the Education of the Hearing Impaired

430 – Psychology

0722 Study track in the Department of Educational Policy and Management

407 – History

408 – Social Studies

428 – Civic Studies

0738 Study tracks in the Department of Curriculum Planning and Instruction

400 – Literature

401 – Talmud Studies and Jewish Philosophy

402 – Bible Studies

406 – Geography

415 – English

416 – Hebrew Language

417 – Arabic

418 – French

419 – Theater

421 – History of Art

425 – Music and Music Literature

0757 Study tracks in the Department of Science Education

410 – Biology

411 – Chemistry

412 – Mathematics

414 – Physics

426 – Computers

0757 Diploma Studies for Applicants holding an M.Sc. in Science or Mathematics or an M.A. in Science or Mathematics Education