

THE LESTER AND SALLY ENTIN FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

Fields of specialization for the MA degree and diploma studies

The two-year MA program aims to enhance the student's knowledge in his chosen field, and to teach students scientific research methods.

Most MA programs offer both a 28-hour research track with a thesis requirement and a 32-hour theoretical (final exam) track. Students select their preferred track on admission. To register, candidates must submit the relevant documents regarding their education, together with form 22b entitled *Special Form for MA Candidates at the Faculty of the Humanities* (see last row in table at link

www.tau.ac.il/admissions/documents/hebrew/toc.html

to the Registration and Admissions Center.

The department Teaching Committees may require MA applicants with an undergraduate degree from a different field to successfully complete a cluster of supplementary courses.

MA studies are offered within the framework of the various Faculty Departments and Schools, in the following areas:

- Arabic and Islamic Studies—Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies.
- Archaeology and Ancient Near Eastern Cultures—Department of Archaeology and Ancient Near Eastern Cultures
Ancient Israel Studies
- Classical Studies—School of History or Department of Classical Studies
- Cognitive Studies of Language and its Uses—The Shirley and Leslie Porter School of Cultural Studies
- Culture Research—The Shirley and Leslie Porter School of Cultural Studies
Child and Youth Culture Studies
- Department of Hebrew Culture Studies—Bible, Hebrew Language, Jewish Philosophy, Semitic Linguistics, and Talmud and Ancient Jewish Literature

- East Asian Studies—Department of East Asia Studies
- Editing Studies Program (diploma studies)—Department of Hebrew Culture Studies
- English (Literature)—Department of English and American Studies
- French (Literature and Culture)—Department of French
- Gender Studies—Program for Women and Gender Studies
- Geography and the Human Environment—Department of Geography and the Human Environment
- History [Classical History, The Middle Ages, Early Modern History (15th – 18th century), Europe in the Modern Period, Military and Diplomatic History, History of the Americas]—Department of History
- History of the Middle East—Department of Middle Eastern and African History
- History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas—Cohn Institute of History and Philosophy of Sciences and Ideas
- Interdisciplinary MA Program in Jewish Studies—The Chaim Rosenberg School of Jewish Studies
- Jewish History—Department of Jewish History
- Linguistics—Department of Linguistics
- Literature—Literary Theory, Hebrew Literature, General Literature
- Philosophy—Department of Philosophy
- Religious Studies—School of Philosophy
- Translation and Revision (diploma studies)—The Shirley and Leslie Porter School of Cultural Studies

0631 Arabic and Islamic Studies

Graduate Studies are aimed at enabling students to attain a deep understanding of one of the following branches of Arabic and Islamic Studies: Modern Arabic Literature; Classical Arabic Literature; and Arabic Linguistics.

The department offers both a research track with a thesis requirement (28 hours), and a theoretical track with a final exam requirement (32 hours).

Department internet site for additional details www.tau.ac.il/humanities/arabic/

0671 Archaeology and Ancient Near Eastern Cultures

The graduate program aims to expand students' knowledge in the various fields of archaeology and ancient Near Eastern cultures, and to prepare students for independent research.

Study tracks

The department offers both a research track with a thesis requirement (28 hours), and a theoretical track with a final exam requirement (32 hours). The department offers six fields of study: The Archaeology of Israel and its surroundings from the Prehistoric Era to the beginning of the Middle Ages; Ancient Israel Studies—interdisciplinary program in Archaeology, History and Bible; Egyptology; Anatolian Studies; Mesopotamian Studies; and Greek and Roman Studies. An individual program is designed for each student, according to the chosen field of specialization.

Admissions

Admission is open to students who have completed an undergraduate degree in archaeology with a minimum final grade average of 80.

Students with an undergraduate degree from a recognized university in a field other than archaeology may be accepted to the MA program, provided they completed their studies with a minimum final grade average of 80. These students will be required to complete one year of supplementary studies (approximately 34 semester hours, to be determined by the MA advisor) before beginning the graduate program.

Department internet site for additional details
www.tau.ac.il/humanities/archaeology

0672 Classical Studies

The graduate program emphasizes a solid foundation in the general field of Classical Studies as well as a deep understanding in a more narrowly defined specialization. The department offers both a research track with a thesis requirement (28 hours), and a theoretical track with a final exam requirement (32 hours).

Study tracks

The MA program offers two tracks: Greek Language and Literature, and Latin Language and Literature. Both programs also include studies in history and philosophy.

Admissions

Admission is open to students who have completed a BA in Classical Studies or in General History in the Ancient History cluster, with a minimum final grade average of 80.

Department internet site for additional details
www.tau.ac.il/humanities/classics/

0688 Cognitive Studies of Language and its Uses

The Shirley and Leslie Porter School of Cultural Studies

The program aims to train students in interdisciplinary studies within the framework of cognitive studies of language and its uses, including theoretical linguistics, discourse, empirical research, pragmatics, and philosophy of language. The Department offers both a research track with a thesis requirement (28 hours), and a theoretical track with a final exam requirement (32 hours).

Admissions

Students with an undergraduate degree with a minimum final grade average of 80 may apply to the program. Preference is awarded students with a background in linguistics, communications disorders, philosophy, psychology, computer science, or literature. Students with an academic background other than the above will be required to successfully complete a cluster of supplementary courses.

Department internet site for additional details
www.tau.ac.il/humanities/yedion/08-09/classic/general/

0669 Culture Research Graduate Program

The Shirley and Leslie Porter School of Cultural Studies

The program studies 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 how these models shape large social groupings as well as individuals and the worlds in

which they live. Special attention is devoted to the dynamics of culture and patterns of long-term change.

Students will study a number of approaches to culture research, become familiar with one specific culture and its language, and develop the ability to conduct academic research. An individual curriculum is designed according to each student's chosen field of specialization. Studies are divided into two stages of study, preparatory and specialization studies. Preparatory studies include a cluster of required courses for all students. Specialized studies lead to the writing of an MA thesis.

Admissions

Students who have completed their BA degree with a minimum final grade average of 85 may apply. An interview with the Admissions Committee may be required. Candidates demonstrating potential as researchers in previously written papers are awarded special consideration. All candidates must demonstrate proficiency in academic English and an additional foreign language. During the initial stages of study, students will study a third language, relevant to their studies, to a level of academic reading comprehension. Students who have not completed at least 16 semester hours of semiotics and culture research must take supplementary courses as determined by the Teaching Committee.

Child and Youth Culture Track

The graduate program enables students to examine the historical and social aspects of child and youth culture, providing intellectual perspectives, critical research and analytical tools and practical experience. The program offers three tracks: a thesis track (28 hours), a non-thesis track with a final exam (32 hours), and a non-thesis track with practical experience (28 hours + 8 hours practicum).

- Studies in the research track respond to the growing need of researchers specializing in the field, who hold a BA degree in a relevant discipline—culture research, psychology, sociology, anthropology, law, economics, marketing, literature, history, education or communications.
- Studies in the theoretical track are geared for those who plan a career in one of the fields related to child

and youth culture, in both formal and informal education or in child and youth leisure culture.

- Studies in the non-thesis track with practical experience grant students hands-on experience in areas related to child and youth culture such as children's television, advertising and marketing for children, children's publishing.

Admissions are open to students who have completed their BA with a minimum final grade average of 80 and have successfully completed a cluster of supplementary courses. The number of required supplementary courses depends on each student's BA studies. Students who have not successfully completed "Introduction to Children's Literature and Child Culture" will be required to do so as part of their supplementary studies.

Department internet site for additional details www.tau.ac.il/tarbut/index.html

0687 East Asian Studies

The MA program in East Asian Studies is aimed at deepening students' knowledge of the classical and modern cultures and languages of East Asia and the Indian subcontinent, in various fields in the humanities, social sciences, arts, economy, and management..

Study tracks

The department offers both a research track with a thesis requirement (28 hours), and a theoretical track with a final exam requirement (32 hours). After the first year of studies the chosen track will be evaluated according to the student's achievements. Students may consult the Teaching Committee concerning any change in track.

Because of the plurality of civilizations, languages, and disciplines within the scope of studies, an individualized program will be designed for each student according to the chosen area of specialization.

Admissions

Applicants must have completed a BA degree in East Asian Studies with a minimum final grade average of 85. Students with a BA degree from other departments may apply for a 2-year supplementary program that will also incorporate the study of relevant Asian languages prior to admission to the MA program.

Department internet site for additional details
www.tau.ac.il/humanities/eastasia/

0626 English and American Studies

On the graduate level, the department offers advanced studies in literature written in the English language and in the literary and cultural criticism related to this literature, as well as in the theory of literature and representation in the context of English and American literature. Emphasis is on the conceptual foundations of various methods of literary analysis.

The department offers three areas of study:

- English Literature to 1800
- English and American Literature from 1800
- Literary Criticism and Theory

The department offers both a research track with a thesis requirement (28 hours), and a theoretical track with a final exam requirement (32 hours).

Admissions

The department welcomes candidates eager to sharpen their analytical skills and capacities for research in reference to literary texts in the English language and as a basis for creative thinking.

Candidates who have completed their BA studies in the English and American Studies Department with a minimum final grade average of 80 are qualified to apply. Candidates who have completed their BA studies in other departments in Israeli universities with a minimum final grade average of 80, or candidates who have completed their BA studies abroad will be interviewed and may be required to take supplementary courses. No student will be admitted to the MA program or for supplementary courses before completing Tel Aviv University English language requirements. For details please contact the department office.

Department internet site for additional details
www.tau.ac.il/humanities/english/

0625 French

MA studies include four main areas, subject to the fields of expertise of the senior faculty of the department: French and Francophonic Literature, Culture, Linguistics, and Translation. A detailed explanation of the requirements for each field of study will be provided by the advisors.

Study tracks

The department offers both a research-oriented track with a thesis requirement (28 hours) and a theoretical track (32 hours) with a final exam requirement.

Thesis Track

Students in the research track must successfully complete a total of 20 semester hours of graduate classes in French Linguistics, Literature, and Culture as well as 8 semester hours of relevant graduate classes in Hebrew from other departments in the fields of Literature, History, and Philosophy, subject to the approval of the advisor.

Non-thesis Track

1. The program is intended for students seeking to expand their academic knowledge of French Literature, Culture, and Linguistics who do not intend to engage in scientific research.
2. Admission requirements are as for the thesis track.
3. The program includes 24 semester hours of graduate courses from the graduate curriculum, plus 8 semester hours of relevant graduate classes in Hebrew from other departments in the fields of Literature, History and Philosophy, subject to the approval of the advisor.
4. Final exam.

Admissions

Students with a Tel Aviv University BA degree from the French Department with a minimum final grade of 80, or a corresponding degree from another school of higher education (in Israel or abroad), in accordance with the regulations of the Faculty of Humanities, may apply to the MA program.

Department internet site for additional details
www.tau.ac.il/humanities/french/

0607 Gender Studies

The intellectual goal of the MA Gender Studies Program is to develop new approaches to knowledge about gender and society; and to affect traditional disciplines and fields of study and practice through theories, methodologies and studies that incorporate critical thinking regarding social categories such as race, class, and gender and their interactions.

The MA program offers in depth studies and research on various themes related to the social relations between women and men, gender identities and roles embedded in various socio-cultural contexts, and feminist and other critical theories. The multi-disciplinary program encourages the use and implementation of gendered knowledge and insights in a wide range of fields including: law, literature, history, art history, geography and planning, sociology, cinema, etc. As an advanced studies program it aims to develop a “gender-aware” approach to theory, research, and policy.

The program is suitable for BA graduates of the Women and Gender Studies Program wishing to deepen their knowledge and understanding in the field. The program accepts students with a BA degree in other disciplines who wish to be exposed to gender studies and include gender perspectives in their own field of specialty.

An MA degree in Gender Studies equips students with the intellectual perspectives to examine the challenges of gender difference, analytical skills for the study of gendered structures, and an understanding of the current diverse and multi-cultural world, and tools to think in terms of gender mainstreaming and social change. The MA program opens options to continue to PhD studies in wide range academic fields.

Gender Studies provides an excellent background for careers in social and community work, government, law, medicine, civil society in all its socio-political and cultural aspects, counseling, business, public relations, advertising, journalism, consumer services, and many other professional fields that benefit from an awareness of the human social relations.

The program offers both a research-oriented track with a thesis requirement (28 hours) and a theoretical track (32 hours) with a final exam requirement. The program offers a flexible and individual framework which enables students to choose their preferred tracks (according to the academic requirements of the program), their preferred focus of research (either theoretical or applied research focus) and their preferred field of research in: Gender and Humanities, Gender and Law, Gender and Social Science, or Gender and the Arts.

Admissions

Admission is contingent on Faculty of Humanities criteria.

Department internet site for additional details www.tau.ac.il/humanities/ncjw

0691 Geography and Human Environment

The department offers a historical geography track and an environmental studies track. Students may design an individualized program, specializing in social geography, political geography, historical geography, urban and regional planning, automatic geocartography, GIS, climate, or geomorphology.

The department offers both a research track with a thesis requirement (28 hours), and a theoretical track with a final exam requirement (32 hours).

Admissions

Admission is open to students who have completed an undergraduate degree in geography with a minimum final grade average of 80 as well as a minimum grade of 80 in all seminars. Candidates who have completed an undergraduate degree in a discipline other than geography will be required to successfully complete a cluster of supplementary courses.

Department internet site for additional details www.tau.ac.il/humanities/geography/index-eng.html

0690 Hebrew Culture

The Department of Hebrew Culture Studies

The department offers a unique graduate program for students seeking to specialize in the fields of Hebrew and Jewish culture, from the ancient to the modern period. Students choose to specialize in one of five study tracks offered: (1) Hebrew language; (2) Semitic Linguistics, (3) Bible, (4) Talmud and Ancient Jewish Literature; and (5) Jewish Philosophy.

The department offers both a research track with a thesis requirement (28 hours), and a theoretical track with a final exam requirement (32 hours).

Admissions

Admission is open to students who have completed an undergraduate degree with a minimum final grade average of 80.

Department internet site for additional details
www.tau.ac.il/humanities/hebrew_culture/

Study tracks

1) Hebrew Language - track 214

The graduate program aims to expand students' knowledge of Hebrew linguistics and expose students to various theories and research methods in general linguistics, including comparative linguistics, historical linguistics, corpus linguistics, etc. Students will engage in research-oriented studies in phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics of old and modern Hebrew. The department offers both a research-oriented track (28 hours) with a thesis requirement and a theoretical track (32 hours) with a final exam requirement, as well as non-thesis program in editing and style (track 299).

Admissions

Admission is contingent on the Lester and Sally Entin Faculty of Humanities graduate program criteria.

Internet site for additional details
www.tau.ac.il/humanities/hebrew/

2) Semitic Linguistics – track 224

The program enables students to specialize in at least one domain of Semitic Linguistics. The program aims to widen students' knowledge of Semitic languages and deepen their general linguistic awareness, allowing them to engage in linguistic research of any Semitic language.

Admissions

Candidates who have completed a BA in Semitic Linguistics with a minimum final grade average of 80 may apply. Students lacking sufficient background in Semitic Linguistics must complete preparatory course work, to be determined by the MA advisor. Admission is provisional, based on the student completing the preparatory course work with a minimum final grade average of 80.

Internet site for additional details
www.tau.ac.il/humanities/semitic/

3) Bible – track 212

The program enables students to specialize in various fields of biblical studies, including medieval, modern,

and post-modern approaches to biblical literature, comparative study of the Bible and the ancient Near Eastern world, Law, Polemics, and other fields within the expertise of the department faculty.

Admissions

Admission is contingent on the Lester and Sally Entin Faculty of Humanities criteria.

Internet site for additional details
www.tau.ac.il/humanities/bible/

4) Talmud and Ancient Jewish Literature – track 282

The program provides students with the necessary tools to develop 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.

Admissions

Admission is contingent on the Lester and Sally Entin Faculty of Humanities graduate program criteria.

Internet site for additional details
www.tau.ac.il/humanities/talmud/welcome.heb.html

5) Jewish Philosophy – track 216

The graduate program offers students the opportunity to expand their knowledge of Jewish philosophy, and to research their own area of specialization under the guidance of a personal advisor.

A. Non-thesis track—designed to broaden students' knowledge of Jewish thought throughout the ages, from the time of the Second Temple. Students are required to complete courses in three of the department's four sections.

- Jewish thought in the formative period of the Mishna and the Talmud
- Jewish Medieval Philosophy (9th to 16th century)
- Modern Jewish thought (17th to 21st century)
- Kabbalah and Hasidism

(Advanced graduate courses in Kabbalah and Hasidism are offered in the framework of the Jewish Philosophy graduate program).

B. Thesis track—designed to qualify students for independent research. Students focus on two of the

above sections, and write their thesis in one of their selected fields of specialization.

Admissions

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

Internet site for additional details
www.tau.ac.il/humanities/jewish_philosophy/

0699 Editing Studies Program (diploma studies)

The Department of Hebrew Culture Studies

This one-year postgraduate program is designed to train students to become professional editors through both theoretical courses and workshops.

Admissions

Students with a minimum final grade average of 80 may apply to the program. Acceptance to the program is also based on an interview. Students with insufficient background in Hebrew Language studies will be required to take courses from the Hebrew Language program.

Department internet site for additional details
www.tau.ac.il/humanities/editing-program/

0621 History

The Department of General History focuses on the history of Western Civilization. Courses are divided into four principal sections: ancient history, medieval history, early-modern history, and contemporary history. The contemporary history section is divided into four subdivisions (Western and Central Europe, Russia and Eastern Europe, North America, and Latin America)

Study tracks

The department offers both a research track with a thesis requirement (28 hours), and a theoretical track with a final exam requirement (32 hours)

Admissions

Applicants must have a BA in history with a minimum final grade average of 85 and have completed Tel Aviv University language requirements for English and a

modern European language. Students with a degree in other subjects may also be admitted but will be required to successfully complete a cluster of courses.

Fields of Specialization:

0656 Classical History

0657 The Middle Ages

0698 Early Modern History, 15th—18th century

0652 Europe in the Modern Period

0632 The History of Latin America

0633 The History of the United States

Department internet site for additional details
www.tau.ac.il/humanities/history/

0654 History of the Middle East and Africa

The MA program aims to deepen student knowledge and understanding of the Middle East and Africa in the modern era, and to train researchers in this field. In the 2010/2011 academic year, MA studies in the Africa program will not open. Students must have completed Tel Aviv University language requirements in English and Arabic, as well as in Persian, Turkish, or a European language.

Study tracks

The department offers both a research track with a thesis requirement (28 hours), and a theoretical track with a final exam requirement (32 hours).

Admissions

Candidates must have a grade of 80 or more on all seminar papers submitted during undergraduate studies.

Students must also exhibit proficiency in Arabic (minimum grade of 80), with the ability to read classical and modern sources.

Department internet site for additional details
www.mideast.tau.ac.il/index.html

0659 History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas

The Cohn Institute of History and Philosophy of Sciences and Ideas MA program offers a multidisciplinary approach to the study of the historical and philosophical aspects of the natural, human, and social sciences while providing critical assessment of the interactions between the sciences and the

intellectual, social, political, and cultural contexts from which they evolve and are practiced.

Study tracks

The department offers both a research track with a thesis requirement (28 hours), and a theoretical track with a final exam requirement (32 hours).

Admissions

Admission is open to students who have completed an undergraduate degree in humanities, arts, social sciences, natural sciences, medicine, law, technology and exact sciences with a final minimum grade average of 80.

All students must complete a cluster of preparatory studies with a minimum final grade average of 85.

Department internet site for additional details www.tau.ac.il/humanities/cohn/

0677 Jewish History

The department offers a wide range of courses in the history of the Jewish people in the Land of Israel and in the Diaspora, from the biblical era to the period of the Second Temple and Talmud, and from the Middle Ages until modern times.

The department provides students with the critical tools and the intellectual perspective necessary to understand events and historical processes, ideological movements and spiritual achievements that characterize Jewish life from its inception to the present day. (Please see undergraduate studies program for greater detail.)

Study tracks

The department structures its graduate program around three periods in Jewish history: ancient, medieval, and modern.

The department offers both a research track with a thesis requirement (28 hours), and a theoretical track with a final exam requirement (32 hours).

A. MA Thesis program: Students in this program will decide on their period of specialization as early as possible during the first year of study, and choose an advisor to supervise their research and thesis writing.

B. MA Theoretical program: Students in this program will concentrate on one main period, while also taking courses in other periods or in related departments,

subject to the approval of the department advisor. The student must take a written final examination in the elected field of specialization.

Admissions

Admission is open to students who have completed an undergraduate degree with a final minimum grade average of 80. Students with insufficient background in Jewish History may be admitted on a provisional basis contingent on completing a cluster of supplementary courses with a minimum final grade average of 80.

Department internet site for additional details
www.tau.ac.il/humanities/jewish_history/

0627 Linguistics

The MA 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 students for specialization in one of the research areas of the discipline.

Study tracks

The department offers both a research track with a thesis requirement (28 hours), and a theoretical track with a final exam requirement (32 hours). Fields of research include generative syntax, formal semantics, phonological theory, pragmatics, and psycholinguistics.

Admissions

Admission is open to students who have completed an undergraduate degree with a final minimum grade average of 80. Students with insufficient background in theoretical linguistics may be admitted on a provisional basis contingent on completing a cluster of supplementary courses with a minimum final grade average of 80.

Department internet site for additional details
www.tau.ac.il/humanities/linguistics/aboutus.eng.html

0680 Literature

Poetics (Theory of Literature), Hebrew Literature, Comparative Literature

Graduate Studies are aimed at expanding the students' critical and theoretical knowledge. The scope of studies, limited during undergraduate work, is applied to broader literary contexts.

The department offers both a research track with a thesis requirement (28 hours), and a theoretical track with a final exam requirement (32 hours).

Admissions

Students who have completed an undergraduate degree with a final minimum grade average of 80 may apply to the program. Students with insufficient background in literature may be admitted on a provisional basis contingent on their completing a cluster of supplementary courses with an average minimum final grade of 80.

Department internet site for additional details www.tau.ac.il/humanities/literature/aboutus.eng.html

0618 Philosophy

The graduate program encourages students to extensively study one or two areas of philosophy, to broaden their knowledge in the history of philosophy, and to develop methodological research skills.

Study tracks

The department offers both a research track with a thesis requirement (28 hours), and a theoretical track with a final exam requirement (32 hours).

Admissions

Admission is open to students who have completed an undergraduate degree with a final minimum grade average of 80. Students with a final grade average of 75 from other departments may be admitted on a provisional basis contingent on successfully completing a supplementary program of one to two years.

Department internet site for additional details www.tau.ac.il/humanities/philosophy/

0697 Religious Studies – Interdisciplinary Graduate Program

School of Philosophy

The program introduces students to the wide range of disciplines associated with the study of religion and religious ideas and 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.

Admissions

Students who have completed their undergraduate degree with a minimum final grade average of 80 may apply. Those accepted into the program are required to complete an individually tailored cluster of supplementary courses (between 16-32 semester hours) with a minimum final grade average of 80. This program of supplementary courses is based on a list of fields of study 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 are requested to contact the program advisor for further details. An appointment can be made through the Department secretariat, tel. 6405627, room 438, Gilman Building.

0633 Translation and Revision – diploma studies

The Shirley and Leslie Porter School of Cultural Studies

The purpose of this diploma program is to qualify translators and translation editors, provide professional experience in a variety of professional workshops, and also introduce students to a succession of theories and studies in the field of translation. Emphasis is placed on the concept of the norm and on making knowledgeable decisions in translations.

SCHOOLS:

0641 MA Program in Jewish Studies

The Chaim Rosenberg School of Jewish Studies

The MA program in Jewish Studies incorporates various fields in this discipline. The program consists of three courses of study (described below) from which students choose a major and a minor. It is also possible to tailor an individualized program.

Study tracks

The department offers both a research track with a thesis requirement (28 hours), and a theoretical track with a final exam requirement (32 hours). There is also a direct PhD track.

Study Programs:

Judaism as an Interpretive Culture—This program offers students a variety of courses on Jewish culture as a mode 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 on the formation, shaping, and development of Jewish Culture, its encounters with neighboring cultures or with cultures in which Jewish communities resided. The courses in this program 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 on the essence of Israeli identity, its creation, and its relationship to Jewry. The studies in this track examine the affinity between contemporary Israeli culture 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.

Admissions

Students who have completed the undergraduate degree with a minimum final grade average of 80 may apply. Students lacking sufficient background in Jewish Studies must successfully complete a cluster of preparatory courses.

School of History

A graduate school towards the PhD degree only.

The Shirley and Leslie Porter School of Culture Studies

The Shirley and Leslie Porter School of Culture Studies offers a framework for advanced cultural studies, and includes the Departments of English, Linguistics, Classical Studies (joint program with the School of History), Arabic and Islam studies, Philosophy, French Literature, and the Porter Institute for Poetics and Semiotics. The School also offers two interdisciplinary graduate programs: Cognitive Studies of Language and its Uses, and Culture Research. The Cohn Institute for the History of Science and Ideas and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology participate in academic activities of the School.

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

School of Philosophy

The School of Philosophy is an academic framework for advanced philosophy studies and other relevant academic activities. Established in 1999, the school provides an official framework for both MA and PhD students at Tel Aviv University, encouraging research in a variety of fields of philosophy, and developing programs and interdisciplinary research. The School of Philosophy coordinates the philosophical activity of various academic units. 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 Arts, the School of Education, various departments of the Faculty of Exact Sciences, and the Faculty of Life Sciences.

Graduate studies in the School of Philosophy include the following fields: Asian Studies, History and Philosophy of Ideas, History and Philosophy of Science, Jewish Philosophy, Philosophy.

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