

THE LESTER AND SALLY ENTIN FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

The Tel Aviv University undergraduate program is a three year program, offering three study tracks: double-major (dm), single-major (sm) and expanded track studies. Each department offers different options. Please check with each department to find out which study tracks are available.

To earn a double-major (dm) BA, students must successfully complete the course of study in two departments. Departments need not be from the same Faculty, but they must both offer a double-major track. Some departments offer a single-major track from the second year of study. Students with outstanding scholastic achievements during their first year of double-major studies may enroll in this track. Please check with the individual departments regarding specific requirements for single-major studies.

The departments of Archeology and Ancient Eastern Cultures, History of the Middle East and Africa, Classics—Greece and Rome, Hebrew Culture, and Arabic and Islam Studies offer expanded track studies, combining two fields of study in the same department, from the first year of studies.

Admissions

- A minimum score of 450¹ on the psychometric exam.
- Matriculation certificate in compliance with University standards.

Some departments may have additional requirements, as specified below.

0631 Arabic and Islamic Studies (dm/sm)

The Department of Arabic and Islamic studies offers students the opportunity to acquire theoretical and practical knowledge of classical and modern literary Arabic as well as Islamic religion, history and culture. Equipped with proficiency in the Arabic language, students explore the rich literary, cultural, and religious traditions of the Arab world.

Fields of study

The department offers two fields of study:

- Arabic Language and Literature—acquaints students with the various historical periods in Arabic literature and linguistics. Representative works from the main literary,

¹ Candidates over 40 years of age with an Israeli matriculation certificate are exempt from the psychometric exam.

linguistic, and religious genres are studied as they relate to their relevant historical-religious background.

- **Islamic Studies**—familiarizes students with the sacred sources of Islam, the Qur'an and the Hadith, in addition to important topics such as the biography of the Prophet Muhammad, the exegesis of the Qur'an, Islamic history, law, philosophy, theology, and mysticism.

Students may elect to study the two fields in a single-major track, or combine either of the fields with studies in another department in a double-major track.

Admissions

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

Placement exams

Non-native speakers seeking admission to either fields of study are required to take an entrance exam to assess their reading comprehension of literary Arabic texts.

The examinations will be held on:

Sunday, April 19, 2015 Gilman Building at 16:00

Sunday, June 14, 2015 Gilman Building at 16:00

Monday August 17, 2015 Gilman Building at 9:00

Please check the bulletin board near room 150 in the Gilman Building on the morning of the exam for the room number.

Students with insufficient knowledge of Arabic will be required to complete a preparatory course in Arabic language, either during an intensive summer course, or during the first year of studies. Registration for summer courses, for which there is a separate fee, is through the department office.

Department internet site for additional details

<http://www.tau.ac.il/humanities/arabic/>

0671 Archaeology and Ancient Near Eastern Cultures (dm/sm)

The Department of Archaeology and Ancient Near Eastern Cultures deals with the archaeology, history, languages, and religions of the ancient Near East from the Stone Age to the beginning of the Middle Ages. Undergraduate studies are designed to acquaint the student with the ancient civilizations of Israel, Syria, Egypt, Mesopotamia, Anatolia, the Aegean basin, and the Greek and Roman world. Special emphasis is placed on biblical archaeology. Participation in field trips to archaeological sites, as well as in an archaeological excavation, is mandatory.

Fields of study

The department offers two fields of study: Archaeology of Israel and its surroundings, and Ancient Near Eastern Cultures.

Students may elect to study the two fields as a single-major program, or combine either of the tracks with studies in another department in a double-major program.

Admissions

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

Department internet site for additional details

www.tau.ac.il/humanities/archaeology

0672 Classics—Greece and Rome (dm/sm)

The Department of Classics offers a full program of courses in Greek and Latin language and literature, philosophy, art, and history.

Fields of study

Students may choose from three fields of study: Greek Language and Literature, Latin Language and Literature, and Classical Culture.

Greek Language and Literature

This field requires three years of Greek language studies and two years of Latin, as well as three introductory courses in general subjects. Students are required to complete two advanced courses and two seminars in Greek poetry and prose, and one advanced lecture course in Latin.

Latin Language and Literature

This field requires three years of Latin language studies and two years of Greek, as well as three introductory courses in general subjects. Students are required to complete two advanced courses and two seminars in Latin poetry and prose, and one advanced lecture course in Greek.

Classical Culture

Students in this field are required to complete introductory courses in Greek and Latin literature in translation, including poetry, drama, history, and philosophy, as well as courses in mythology, art, and archaeology. Students are also required to complete three advanced courses and two seminars on topics related to the literature, history, and philosophy of the Greco-Roman world.

Students may elect to study two fields as a single-major program, or to combine one field in the department with studies in another department in a double-major program.

Admissions

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

Department internet site for additional details

www.tau.ac.il/humanities/classics/

0687 East Asian Studies (dm)

The Department of East Asian Studies offers students the opportunity to extensively study Asian cultures, focusing on India, China, and Japan. The interdisciplinary approach studies the cultural elements of these Asian civilizations from the perspectives of history, religion, philosophy, anthropology, sociology, literature, the arts, and language. The department aims to provide students with the basic academic tools for further research, focusing on the unique viewpoints of Asian cultures.

The department also offers students the opportunity to acquire basic skills in the major languages of Asia: Sanskrit, Hindi, Chinese (classic and modern), and Japanese (classic and modern). Both reading and oral skills are promoted in the modern languages.

Study Tracks

—Double-major track: Based on a combined program from the East Asian Studies Department and another department.

—Single-major track: Second year students may enroll in a single-major track, based on academic excellence. To enter the single-major track students must complete their first year of studies with a minimum average of 90 in their first year courses in the department and with a minimum average of 85 in 16 hours of course-work in their other studies.

Students wishing to transfer to the single-major track after their first year should submit a written request to the department Teaching Committee.

Admissions

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

Department internet site for additional details

www.tau.ac.il/humanities/eastasia/

0626 English and American Studies¹ (dm/sm)

The program is designed to provide students with a scholarly knowledge of English and American culture, and to train students in the critical use of scholarly methods of

¹ Applicants may be required to take an entrance exam, given by the department, in addition to the Psychometric Entrance Examination. (See the [Examination Schedule](#)).

literary study, to accustom students to the independent study of cultural texts, and to assist them in developing their ability to use the English language as an instrument for oral and written expression.

Fields of study

The department offers two fields of study:

- English Studies—includes courses in English literature to 1800, English and American literature from 1800, and theoretical areas in literary study (e.g., history and theory of criticism, thematic and generic subjects, etc.)
- American Studies—provides students with a broad understanding of American society and culture. Based on courses in the English department, the field combines studies in other disciplines, including history, film, political science, and media studies.

Admissions

- A minimum grade of 85 in the 5-unit Israeli Matriculation English exam and either exemption (Ptor) in the English section of the psychometric exam (or AMIR) or Ptor achieved in the courses given by the Division of Foreign Languages.
- A grade of 90 in English as a first foreign language (in the old system of Israeli Matriculation) and a Ptor as mentioned above.

Candidates who do not meet these requirements may choose to take the English Department entrance exam, if they have one of the following;

- Advanced level in the English Placement section of the psychometric Exam (or AMIR), or in a course given by the Division of Foreign Languages.
- A grade of 600 or more on the verbal section of the SATs.
- A high school diploma from a country where the primary language of instruction is English.

Entrance examinations will be held on:

Friday April 24, 2015	Gilman Building at 9:00
Friday May 28, 2015	Gilman Building at 9:00
Friday June 19, 2015	Gilman Building at 9:00
Friday August 7, 2015	Gilman Building at 9:00

Please check the bulletin board near room 150 in the Gilman Building on the morning of the exam for the room number.

Department internet site for additional details

www.tau.ac.il/humanities/english

0662 The Multidisciplinary Program in the Humanities (dm)

This multidisciplinary undergraduate program offers students the opportunity to earn a double-major BA degree based on a broad range of course clusters offered by the Faculty of Humanities and other faculties. East Asian Studies, Women and Gender Studies, Ibero-Latin American Studies, Social Justice, Psychology and Psychoanalysis, Environment and Ecology, Child Culture, and Rhetoric are some of the clusters in this curriculum. Students in the General and Interdisciplinary Studies program are afforded the opportunity to plan an individual curriculum of studies

Study tracks

This double-major study program is to be combined with another double-major program, but it may not be combined with Management.

Admissions

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

Department internet site for additional details

www.tau.ac.il/humanities/general-studies

The Honors Program in the Humanities and the Arts

This combined 3 year honors program grants a degree in the Multidisciplinary Program in the Humanities (Faculty of the Humanities) and the Multidisciplinary Program in the Arts (Faculty of the Arts). The program includes a wide range of core courses (introductory courses of all the departments of both faculties), methodological courses that enhance academic skills (academic writing, critical reading) and various expressive tools (creative writing, screenplay writing, debate club, artist master class), as well as a specialization in two disciplinary clusters in each faculty.

The program accepts 25 students every year, based on excellence in matriculation and psychometric scores. A minimum factored score of 600 is required.

0691 Geography and Human Environment (dm/sm)

Studies are designed to provide the student with basic knowledge of the various aspects of human and physical geography and the complexity of the relationship between man and his environment.

The program includes introductory and methodology courses, advanced courses in specialized fields, seminar courses, field courses, and elective courses.

Study tracks

The department offers both a double-major track and a single-major track.

- Double-major track (58 hours): Based on a combined program from the Geography and Human Environment Department and another department.
- Single-major track (100 hours + 16 hours of a minor): Second year students may enroll in a single-major track based on academic excellence. Students who have completed their first year with a minimum average of 85 and a minimum average of 80 in their other department of study are eligible to enroll in a single-major program.

Students wishing to transfer to the single-major track after their first year should submit a written request to the department Teaching Committee.

Admissions

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

Department internet site for additional details

<http://geography.tau.ac.il/en/>

0690 Hebrew Culture Studies (dm/sm)

The Department of Hebrew Culture Studies offers a unique undergraduate program for specialized study and research in the fields of Hebrew and Jewish culture, from the ancient to the modern period. Students may choose to specialize in one or two of the five fields of study offered by the department, which include: (1) Hebrew language; (2) Semitic Linguistics; (3) Hebrew Bible; and (4) Jewish Philosophy, Rabbinic Literature, and Kabbalah. The first year of studies in the program provides basic academic tools and an overall interdisciplinary introduction to Hebrew and Jewish studies. The department also offers a track in (5) Interdisciplinary Studies of the kind typical of Jewish Studies programs outside Israel, which integrates the study of Jewish sources and Hebrew and Israeli culture with wider trends in the Humanities. Graduates of this program are awarded a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies in Hebrew and Jewish Culture.

Fields of study

1) Hebrew Language (track 114): The program provides students with scholarly knowledge of the structure of the Hebrew language as it is manifested in various historical periods and styles, and introduces them to the problems and achievements of the Hebrew language, training them in up-to-date research methods of the various branches of linguistics.

Studies are based on the comparison between Hebrew and cognate Semitic languages, and on the development of Hebrew, as well as the synchronic study of the various manifestations of Modern Hebrew. The studies aim at granting students basic knowledge of modern linguistic research methods in phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics.

The main subjects include: the development of the Hebrew language from biblical through rabbinical (*xasal*) Hebrew, medieval Hebrew, and Modern and Israeli Hebrew, the language of Hebrew literature, the science of language and its development, Hebrew morphology and phonology, Hebrew syntax and semantics, as well as the study of metaphor, discourse, and corpus linguistics.

2) Semitic Linguistics (track 113): The program provides students with both a basic knowledge of living and ancient languages, and an awareness of general research methodologies. The program aims to train students in the research of Semitic languages using modern linguistic tools of both synchronic and historical linguistics.

3) Hebrew Bible (track 112): The program provides students with a broad basis in the field of Hebrew Bible studies, covering various critical methodologies, modern, and post-modern approaches to the biblical literature. The program aims to develop students' ability to study the Bible analytically and to understand the Hebrew Bible within the context of the ancient Near-Eastern world.

Courses are offered in the fields of textual criticism, biblical literature, theology and ideology, intertextuality (inner-biblical interpretation), and history of interpretation to the Bible (early, Rabbinic, Medieval, modern and post-modern).

4) Jewish Philosophy, Rabbinic Literature, and Kabbalah (track 116): This program provides a BA in Jewish Philosophy. Students are expected to major in two of the following three areas:

a. Rabbinic Thought, Talmud and Ancient Jewish Literature—The program focuses on the classics of Jewish Law and Jewish Thought in the formative periods of the Mishnah and the Talmud. The program offers two fields of study (one emphasizing Talmud, the other emphasizing Second Temple thought) to accommodate the different interests of students studying this period in Jewish history and literature. The program aims to provide the skills required for independent and critical study of the classical sources of Talmudic literature, both legal and aggadic material, as well as the compositions of the Gaonic and Rabbinic periods.

(Special areas of advanced studies include Geniza research.)

* Students interested in earning their undergraduate degree in Talmud (track 119) should refer to the Hebrew information booklet or the department internet site.

b. Medieval Jewish Philosophy and Kabbalah—The program covers the study of the major trends of medieval Jewish thought. In the field of medieval Jewish mysticism the program covers the background of Kabbalah in early Jewish Mysticism, the rise and development of the medieval Kabbalah in the Book of Zohar and other classic sources, ecstatic Kabbalah and the development of 16th C Kabbalah of Safed and its influence on Judaism. In the field of medieval Jewish philosophy the program covers Medieval Jewish Philosophy (9th-16th centuries), its major trends such as Jewish Kalam, Jewish Neo-Platonism, Yehuda Halevy, Maimonides, and Jewish Averroesim. Both trends of medieval Jewish thought are studied in their broader Muslim and Christian contexts.

c. Modern Jewish Philosophy and Hasidism—The program covers pre-modern and modern trends of Jewish thought including the emergence of Sabbateanism, Hasidism and other modern forms of Jewish mysticism, including contemporary pre-modern philosophy, spanning from Spinoza to contemporary Jewish and Israeli thought. The emphasis is on classics such as Hermann Cohen, Franz Rosenzweig, Emmanuel Levinas and many other Jewish modern thinkers.

5) Interdisciplinary Studies in Hebrew and Jewish Culture (track 660): This study track enables students to pursue interdisciplinary studies in Hebrew and Jewish culture as part of an undergraduate program which includes three study clusters: disciplinary (in one of the tracks mentioned above); thematic (offering a cross-section of courses on a specific theme in Hebrew and Jewish culture as well as in the faculties of the Humanities, Arts, Law, or Social Studies); and general (from outside the department, including the fields of History and Literature). For further details please contact the department.

Admissions

Admission to all fields of study is contingent on the Lester and Sally Entin Faculty of Humanities criteria.

Department internet site for additional details

http://humanities.tau.ac.il/hebrew_culture/

0621 History (dm/sm)

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

Study tracks

Students may convert their double-major history studies to a single-major track at the end of the first year after achieving a minimum grade average of 85.

Admissions

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

Department internet site for additional details.

www.tau.ac.il/humanities/history/

0677 Jewish History (dm/sm)

The Department of Jewish History offers a wide range of courses in the history of the Jewish people in the Land of Israel and in the Diaspora.

Courses begin from the biblical era, when the distinctive culture of the nation of Israel began to take shape in the ancient Near East. Studies continue to the period of the Second Temple and Talmud and to the Middle Ages, when the prominence of the Jewish national center in the Land of Israel first rose and then declined, while new, influential centers of Jewish life grew in the Diaspora. Courses continue to scan the history of the Jews in the Land of Israel under frequently changing rulers, while Diaspora Jews reached all corners of the known world, molding the historical image of the Jewish people 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 from the dawn of man to the present.

The Inter-Disciplinary Program in Israel Studies (Track 180) (dm)

The Department of Jewish History now offers a new **Inter-Disciplinary Program in Israel Studies**. The goal of this BA program is to grant students a multi-faceted approach to the many aspects of Israeli society and to expose the multiple layers that together create a dynamic society within the context of the Middle East, the Jewish world, and an increasingly global society. The academic basis of the program is historical, and students are exposed

to approaches and methods from a variety of disciplines in the humanities, social sciences, arts, and other fields.

Study tracks

Undergraduate students are offered two different programs.

- Double-major track: Based on a program combining two different majors, one of which must be either Jewish History **or** Israel Studies, while the other may be from any other department in the university.
- Single-major track: Second year students who have completed their first year of studies with an average grade of 85 in the Department of Jewish History and an average grade of 80 in their other department of study may enroll in a single-major program. Students wishing to transfer to the single-major track after their first year should submit a written request to the department Teaching Committee.

Admissions

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

Department internet site for additional details

www.tau.ac.il/humanities/jewish_history/about_us.eng.html

0627 Linguistics (dm/sm)

The Department of Linguistics offers an undergraduate program that focuses on theories of natural (human) language, with emphasis on explanatory accounts for native speakers' linguistic knowledge. We hold the fundamental assumption that the computational system of language knowledge is governed by universal principles, manifested in a wide variety of linguistic phenomena found in genetically unrelated languages. Fields of study include: phonetics, phonology, morphology, generative syntax, formal semantics, pragmatics, psycholinguistics, language acquisition, computational linguistics, and neurolinguistics.

The study of linguistics promotes analytical thinking and problem solving, allowing students to pursue diverse career tracks. The department trains students for an academic career in linguistics and provides crucial knowledge for students intending to specialize in professions related to language, such as artificial intelligence, communication, clinical aspects of language (language and communication disorders), language teaching, literature, translation, etc.

Study tracks

The Department of Linguistics offers the following study tracks.

- Double-major track: A combination of Linguistics

and another department in the university

0608 The NCJW Women and Gender Studies Program

This undergraduate program combines gender studies from the Faculties of Humanities, Law, Social Sciences, and Arts.

The program lays the foundation for a critical feminist examination of the social, judicial, and cultural gendered arrangements. Feminist and gender theories and research are based on the understanding that “feminine” and “masculine,” as these concepts are understood and presented in society, are not a necessary consequence of biological essential structures and differences, but rather the consequence of changing social, political, legal, and cultural structures, and ideological needs. The Women and Gender Studies Program aims to give students theoretical and methodological tools for scientific, critical, and creative thinking in a variety of fields of study: history, sociology, art history, politics, literature, psychology, law, geography and planning, film, etc. It offers an analysis of the role of gender as a critical category and the place of women in culture and society, with a focus on the links between gender, class, race, ethnicity, sexuality, nationalism, and globalization. The curriculum introduces students to a broad basis of feminist theories, both in their own right and as they affect related fields of study.

Fields of study

This program is offered only as a double major.¹

Students participate in mandatory core courses and choose from four study tracks: Humanities, Social Science, Art, and Law. A wide choice of elective courses are offered from associated departments: History and Jewish History, Art History, Sociology & Anthropology, Geography and Human Environment, Philosophy, Cultural Studies, Law, Social Work, Literature, Cinema and Television Studies, Theater, French Studies, English and American Studies, and others.

Admissions

Please contact the department regarding admission requirements.

This program may not be combined with Management.

Scholarships

The National Council of Jewish Women (USA) endows this program and offers several tuition scholarships. These will be awarded solely on the basis of financial need. Conditions for submitting applications for scholarships can be viewed in the faculty information brochure and on the Program's website.

The detailed curriculum, together with additional information, appears on the website of The NCJW Women and Gender Studies Program.

<http://humanities.tau.ac.il/gender>

0622 Middle Eastern and African History (dm/sm)

The Department of Middle Eastern and African History offers a variety of courses dealing with the history of the Middle East from the advent of Islam, with a special emphasis on the modern history of the Middle East and Africa. The program aims to acquaint students with the cultures, socio-political structures, and languages of these regions.

Study tracks

The department offers two study tracks.

—Double-major track: Based on a combined program from the Department of Middle Eastern and African History and another department.

—Single-major track: For first year students, a minimum of 580 in the factored scores on the psychometric and matriculation exams is required, and for second year students, a minimum average grade of 90 is required in the Department of Middle Eastern and African History as well as in the student's other department or school. The departmental academic committee may consider other candidates based on interviews and special circumstances. Various scholarships are offered to department students.

Admissions

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

Department internet site for additional details

http://www.tau.ac.il/humanities/mideast_africa/program-ma.heb.html

0693 African Studies (dm)

The Inter-University BA Program in African Studies is a new and innovative academic venture. The program is located at Tel Aviv University but enjoys full collaboration with Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and the Open University of Israel. After registering for the program at TAU, students are encouraged to take courses in all three universities, thus allowing for a wide selection

of courses. The combining of resources from three universities has enabled us to establish a truly world-class program in African Studies, with courses in history, anthropology, literature, political science, sociology, linguistics, tourism, and art history. The degree is granted by TAU.

Department internet site for additional details

<http://www.africanstudies.co.il>

0618 Philosophy (dm/sm)

The Department of Philosophy introduces students to basic concepts, methodologies, and fields of study in philosophy.

Study tracks

- Double-major track (56 hours): Based on a combined program from the Philosophy Department and another department.
- Single-major track (112 hours): Second year students who have completed their first year with an average grade of 90 in the Department and an average grade of 85 in their other department may enroll in a single-major program. Students wishing to transfer to the single-major track after their first year should submit a written request to the department Teaching Committee.

The curriculum is composed of three sections.

Section A: Introductory courses (required):

- Introduction to Modern Philosophy
- Introduction to Greek Philosophy
- Introduction to 19th century Philosophy
- Introduction to Logic
- Readings in Philosophical Texts

Section B: Introductory and advanced courses in the following areas:

- Philosophy of Science
- Epistemology and Metaphysics
- Philosophy of Language and Logic
- Philosophy of Religion
- Eastern Philosophy
- Ethics and Political Philosophy
- Aesthetics

Section C: General elective courses in various fields of study

Admissions

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

Department internet site for additional details

<http://humanities.tau.ac.il/philosophy>