

HEBA10, Modern Hebrew: Elementary Course I, 15 credits

Hebreiska: Nybörjarkurs I, 15 högskolepoäng

First Cycle / Grundnivå

Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2013-05-27 and was last revised by The Pro Dean of First and Second Cycle Studies at The Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2024-03-01 (U 2024/121). The revised syllabus comes into effect 2024-03-01 and is valid from the autumn semester 2024.

General information

Subject: Hebrew

The course is offered as a freestanding course. It can normally be included as part of a first- or second-cycle degree.

Language of instruction: Swedish and English

The course is taught in Swedish or English and Hebrew.

Main field of study

Specialisation

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G1N, First cycle, has only upper-secondary level entry requirements

Learning outcomes

On completion of the course the student shall

Knowledge and understanding

- account for the Hebrew alphabet and recreate the printed and cursive writing systems of Hebrew,
- give an account of the fundamental characteristics of Hebrew morphology and syntax,
- distinguish the basic structure and use of Hebrew verbs,

Competence and skills

- master cursive Hebrew hand writing,
- read simple Hebrew texts on familiar topics aloud and with correct pronunciation,
- apply certain common declension patterns and grammatical constructions in speech and writing,
- use a Hebrew dictionary,
- translate into Hebrew and correctly spell words that occur in set texts,
- engage in a conversation in elementary Hebrew and respond in spoken Hebrew to everyday questions on selected themes,

Judgement and approach

- be able to critically reflect on culture-specific concepts and values expressed through the Hebrew language.

Course content

The study of modern Hebrew is based on the spoken and written language, Ivrit, which is one of the official languages of the state of Israel. The course provides the students with an overview of the historical development of the language, and introduces the Hebrew form of writing, alef-bet. Fundamental grammatical phenomena are analysed with the help of simple texts. These are further applied in translation and conversational exercises. Exercises in written proficiency are included through the writing of simple texts. In addition to regular required reading, film and other media are included. The student practises using a Hebrew dictionary.

The course consists of the following modules:

1. Grammar and Reading Comprehension, 7.5 credits,
2. Oral and Written Proficiency, 7.5 credits.

Course design

Teaching consists of exercises and lectures. Module 1 includes three compulsory assignments of recordings. In module 2 students write a maximum of three compulsory, simple texts.

Assessment

The assessment is based on:

Module 1: Oral and written account of the Hebrew alphabet and a written exam at the end of the module,

Module 2: Oral and written exam at the end of the module.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Grades

Grading scale includes the grades: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction

To be awarded a Pass on the whole course the student must have at least the grade of Pass on both modules. To be awarded the grade of Pass with Distinction on the whole course the student must have the grade of Pass with Distinction on the written exams in both modules.

Entry requirements

General and courses corresponding to the following Swedish Upper Secondary School Programs: Civics 1b/1a1+1a2, English 6.

Further information

- The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
- The course replaces HEBA01.
- The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree.
- For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.
- Module titles in Swedish:

1. Grammatik och läsförståelse,
2. Muntlig- och skriftlig språkfärdighet.