



## Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies

Isaac Breuer College of Hebraic Studies (IBC) provides a rich undergraduate course of study for students seeking a structured and comprehensive yet flexible program in the major areas of Jewish learning, such as Talmud, Bible, Hebrew language and literature, Jewish history, Jewish philosophy and ethics, and Jewish law. The program attracts students interested in a broad range of Jewish studies in addition to Talmud studies.

The school was named in 1982 in recognition of a major gift by the late Hermann Merkin and his wife, Ursula, in memory of her father, Isaac Breuer. The college is the successor of Teachers Institute for Men, 1917–66, and Erna Michael College of Hebraic Studies, 1966–82. IBC is located at the Wilf Campus and benefits from its association with several of the university's other schools and their educational resources as well as from the wealth of public and private educational facilities in New York City. Faculty and students alike seek to create an atmosphere that provides and promotes the highest standards of ethical conduct and scholarship in the achievement of personal and professional goals.

A wide range of courses provides valuable training in the utilization of primary sources, research methods, and independent work. IBC also provides career preparation for those interested in Jewish education, ordination, or graduate Hebraic or Semitic studies. Its rich offerings in other areas qualify it as a preparatory program for both ordination at the affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and for advanced graduate study at the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies and the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration.

### IBC HONORS COURSES

Launched in the Spring Semester of 2013, honors courses offer students the opportunity to study *Halakha*, *Tanakh*, Jewish Philosophy, Jewish History and *Talmud* at an advanced level. Open to all IBC students, honors courses feature in-depth study stressing both textual analysis and fascinating in-class discussion. Courses offer the best of both classroom and Beit Midrash settings. Students are expected to have proficiency in reading Hebrew texts and they develop a true appreciation for the beauty of Torah study. Courses are taught by IBC faculty along with faculty from other departments within the university.

### ADMISSION

Admission regulations pertaining to Isaac Breuer College alone are given here; those uniformly applicable to all undergraduate schools are given in the section Admissions.

To qualify for admission, a student must 1) be in attendance at Yeshiva College or Sy Syms School of Business, unless the student already holds a bachelor's degree; 2) have basic knowledge of Hebrew (modern, medieval and biblical); and 3) take a placement exam prior to their acceptance to the program. Students are assigned classes based upon the results of the placement exam. Students generally register for at least 15 credit hours within the program each semester. The cumulative index of these courses will transfer as three (3) HES credits in the student's college record.

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The IBC curriculum may lead to the degree of Associate in Arts.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

### Associate of Arts (AA)

- A. **Course and credit requirements:** Successful completion of the courses required of all students to fulfill the YC/SSSB Jewish Studies requirement and thirteen additional courses distributed as follows: one semester of BIB/TAN and twelve more elective courses chosen from JHI, JPH/JTH, JUD, HAL, HEB, and TAL.
- B. **Residence requirement:** Full-time residency at Isaac Breuer College for at least four semesters.
- C. **Grade requirement:** A minimum cumulative average of 2.000 (C grade).
- D. **Administrative requirements:** The prior or simultaneous receipt of a BA or BS degree from Yeshiva College or Sy Syms School of Business. Each student must have filed an Application for Degree during the registration period of the semester in which he completes all requirements.

### Procedures for Hebrew Placement and Course Registration

For more information regarding Hebrew language placement and courses taken at Yeshiva College or the Isaac Breuer College please visit: <http://yu.edu/yeshiva-college/ug/hebrew/courses/>.

## SCHOOL REGULATIONS

**Attendance:** Students are expected to attend all their scheduled class sessions and to be present promptly at the beginning of the hour, unless prevented from doing so by illness or other compelling cause. The instructor keeps a record of each student's class attendance.

A student's attendance record is taken into account when determining his continuing status in the program. Continued unexcused absences of more than 50% of the scheduled sessions will result in the student receiving a grade of a G for the course, which may lead to probation or academic dismissal from the school.

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

**Probation:** Students that do not maintain a GPA above 2.000 will be placed on probation for the next academic semester. Students on full academic probation are limited to 12 credits in Yeshiva College or Sy Syms. Other restrictions follow those of the undergraduate schools as noted in the catalog.

Students with two consecutive semesters or three semesters overall of work below a 2.000 are subject to dismissal from the school. Students must show positive progression through the program and cannot graduate if in their last semester they receive less than a 2.000 GPA.



## **ETHICS AND SCHOLARSHIP**

Faculty and students alike seek to create an atmosphere that provides and promotes the highest standards of ethical conduct and scholarship in the achievement of personal and professional goals. All rules and procedures delineated in the academic integrity policy on cheating and plagiarism apply to students in undergraduate Torah studies courses.