The Alexander Altmann Essay Competition in Hebrew and Jewish Studies

This competition is open to all students in Year 12 (or in the final year of secondary school) in the UK or internationally. Students are invited to write an essay on any aspect of Hebrew and Jewish Studies, in the areas of history, literature, languages, culture, or religion, whether or not they know the language or have studied the subject before. There are no set questions or essay titles. Essays will be read and assessed by academic staff in the Department.

Prizes of £125 will be awarded for the best essays; a maximum of four awards will be made. The prizes will be awarded at a study afternoon that will be held in the UCL Department of Hebrew and Jewish Studies on **Tuesday 13 June 2017**; attendance is compulsory for prizes to be awarded.

Essays should count no more than 3000 words. They should be written in English, and follow the guidelines of the Departmental Style Guide (http://www.ucl.ac.uk/hebrew-jewish/docs/essays/HJS-Style-Sheet-1516). The cover page should include the student’s full name, essay title, word count, email address, home address, and school name and address. Essays should submitted by email to jewish.studies@ucl.ac.uk (not in Turnitin as stated in the Style Guide). One essay only per student will be allowed. The deadline for entries is **4pm on Monday 24 April 2017**.

The competition is named in memory of the philosopher Alexander Altmann (1906-1987), who was the founder of the UCL Institute of Jewish Studies.

**Studying Hebrew and Jewish Studies at UCL**

UCL Hebrew and Jewish Studies offer a single-subject BA degree, as well as a wide range of joint degrees with other departments in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, including a BA in Ancient Languages, BA in History (Central and East European) and Jewish Studies, and a range of degrees in Hebrew and modern languages. Most of our programmes include a Year Abroad option, usually taken in Israel.

The study of Hebrew is an essential component of our degree programmes, and many other languages, not least Yiddish, are also taught.

Our academic staff are talented teachers and world leaders in their fields of research. We welcome students of all ages, ethnicity and religion. We are a friendly and inspiring department, thriving on collaboration and a global, highly diverse staff and student body.

**Pioneering Jewish Studies. Since 1826.**

The UCL Department of Hebrew and Jewish Studies is a world-leading centre in the heart of London, noted for its innovative research and teaching. Drawing on UCL’s tradition of secularism and open-mindedness, we integrate all aspects of Jewish Studies, from antiquity to modernity, through the prism of history, literature, and languages.
We are the only university department in the UK dedicated to the field of Hebrew and Jewish Studies and its comprehensive, integrated study. We train future scholars and educate the wider community.

**UCL Undergraduate Open Days**

UCL’s undergraduate open days give you a great opportunity to visit our campus, meet current students and staff, and find out if UCL is a place where you would like to study.

The open days offer a variety of activities including admissions talks, general talks on topics such as accommodation, finance and careers. There are also accommodation tours, faculty and information fairs, taster sessions, and much more. UCL’s 2017 Undergraduate Open Days will take place on:

- Friday, 30 June 2017
- Saturday, 1 July 2017
- Saturday, 9 September 2017

[http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/widening-participation/openday](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/widening-participation/openday)