

FAQs for prospective students

Which BA degrees do you offer?

We offer a range of different BA degrees:

- BA Hebrew & Jewish Studies (3 years)
- BA Hebrew & Jewish Studies with Year Abroad (4 years)
- BA Ancient Languages (3 years)
- BA Ancient Languages with Year Abroad (4 years)
- BA History (Central and East European) with Year Abroad (4 years)
- BA Modern Languages (Hebrew or Yiddish and a European language) (4 years)

How many new BA students do you admit per year?

We usually admit around 10 new BA students per year.

This total figure is made up of students enrolled on the various degrees that we offer, i.e. BA Hebrew & Jewish Studies, BA Ancient Languages, BA History (Central and East European] and Jewish Studies), and BA Modern Languages including Hebrew and/or Yiddish.

Will I be guaranteed UCL accommodation?

Yes, UCL accommodation is guaranteed for first-year BA students.

What are your usual class sizes?

Most classes (including lectures, seminars, and language classes) in the Department have around 5-10 students.

What kinds of Departmental activities do you have?

We have a number of different activities in person and online activities taking place throughout the year. These include:

- A welcome party for new students at the beginning of the academic year in September
- A Hanukkah party for staff and students in December

- A Purim party for staff and students in March
- An annual student and staff Yiddish performance for the festival of Purim
- Student/staff theatrical productions in Hebrew, Yiddish, and English
- A regular programme of free online evening lectures by specialists in various topics in Jewish Studies
- Numerous conferences on Jewish Studies topics organised by Departmental staff members, which students are always very welcome to attend
- Departmental seminars given by graduate students and staff, which BA students are welcome to attend
- Regular informal catch-up events for students and staff

We also have a Departmental newsletter featuring articles, creative writing, and art by students and staff that comes out twice a year, to which you will be encouraged to contribute.

If I observe the Jewish Sabbath and festivals, will I have to miss class and be marked absent?

The Department is closed on all Jewish festivals, so all lectures falling on these days are automatically rescheduled and you don't have to worry about missing class.

Similarly, the Department does not hold classes on Friday afternoons.

Are there any volunteering or work opportunities for students in the Hebrew & Jewish Studies Department?

There are a number of opportunities for volunteering or paid work in the Department. These include:

- Editing or co-editing the Departmental newsletter
- Helping set up Institute of Jewish Studies lectures and other events
- Helping with conference organisation
- Peer mentoring (particularly helpful for students interested in going into a career in education)
- On-campus work in the UCL libraries

What are your social media accounts?

Our Departmental Twitter account is @uclhjs

The UCL Hebrew and Jewish Studies library account is @UCLHJSLibrary

Is there anything I can do to prepare for the degree before starting?

You can have a look at the recommended preliminary reading lists available in the booth, which offer a variety of suggested readings, language textbooks, and other relevant materials for our degrees.

Who can I talk to if I'd like more information?

Please contact the Departmental Admissions Tutor Dr Lily Kahn at l.kahn@ucl.ac.uk.