Welcome to Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Studies (HBANES). The HBANES Program offers a diverse array of courses, covering textual, cultural, archaeological and art historical topics as they relate to the civilizations of the ancient Near East. Because the Program’s courses often count for credit in other departments and the requirements are flexible, HBANES majors often double major in History, Classics, Jewish Studies, Anthropology, or Comparative Religion.

HBANES also offers a two-year sequence in biblical Hebrew language. The inductive method that we employ gets students reading from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) alone by the end of the second quarter of the first year. Thereafter students take courses on biblical Hebrew prose texts, biblical poetry, ancient inscriptions, and a variety of other courses that focus on biblical books and topics. Periodically we offer courses on hieroglyphic Egyptian, Ugaritic, and Akkadian (the latter two invariably for students who have had at least two years of biblical Hebrew).

For a list of current and upcoming Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Studies course offerings, please visit this web site.

Related Degrees

- Bachelor of Arts
- Minor
- Master of Arts

Program Resources

- Biblical Hebrew Course Sequence (1st and 2nd Year)
- Texts & Research Resources
- Hebrew Alphabet
Upcoming Courses

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