



Hebrew College, 160 Herrick Road, Newton Centre, MA 02459
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

MASTER OF ARTS IN JEWISH STUDIES

Thank you for your interest in applying to Hebrew College. Please read these instructions carefully before completing your application. Should you have any questions about the application process or regarding the status of your application, please call the Office of Admissions, 617-559-8610, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Monday–Thursday and 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Friday, or email admissions@hebrewcollege.edu.

Selection of Candidates Admissions decisions are based on a careful review of a candidate's completed application, credentials, supporting documents and appropriateness for the degree program. Applicants for graduate degree programs must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and a competitive grade point average. Hebrew College admits qualified students without regard to age, sex, religion, disability, race, color or national origin. An application for financial aid does not in any way affect a candidate's application for admission.

Application Submission Please send your completed application and all supporting materials to the Office of Admissions, Hebrew College, 160 Herrick Road, Newton Centre, MA 02459. You are responsible to ensure that all of your application materials are received; we welcome calls or emails from candidates regarding the status of their applications.

Deadlines

- Early Decision—Application and, if relevant, financial aid forms, must be postmarked by December 15.; preference for fellowships and financial aid will be given to these applicants. Interviews will be scheduled during the last two weeks of December. Applicants will be notified of admission decisions by January 15. *Candidates applying for admission during the spring semester must apply by the December 15 deadline.*
- March Decision—Application and, if relevant, financial aid forms, must be postmarked by February 15. Interviews will be scheduled during the last week of February. Applicants will be notified of admission decisions by March 15.
- June Decision—Application and, if relevant, financial aid forms, must be postmarked by May 30. Interviews will be scheduled during the first two weeks of June. Applicants will be notified of admission decisions by June 15.

Application Checklist All applicants must submit the following materials:

- A completed, signed application form
- Two typewritten essays as described below
- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate studies from accredited academic institutions. Please have official copies of transcripts forwarded directly from the issuing institution to the Office of Admissions.
- An official score report from the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) General Test. (Hebrew College test code 3435)
- An official score report from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for all foreign students whose native language is not English and who have not received a degree from an accredited United States college or university.
- Three letters of recommendation, including at least one (if possible), from an academic instructor. Letters should be completed on the enclosed forms and mailed directly to the Office of Admissions.
- A non-refundable application fee of \$50; please submit a check or money order made payable to Hebrew College.

Interview

The interview is an essential and required part of the application process for all Hebrew College graduate degree programs. This is an opportunity for us to get to know you better; for you to visit the campus, sit in on classes and meet students; and to learn more about the College and program for which you are applying. Though on-campus interviews are preferred, if you live far from campus and are unable to travel, a phone interview may be arranged.

Fellowships and Financial Aid Qualified applicants are invited to apply for the Hebrew College Fellows Program; priority is given to those applying for December 15 Early Decision. For more information, please contact the Dean of Students, 617-559-8618, iregosin@hebrewcollege.edu.

A financial aid application is included in this packet. Instructions are on the form. If you are applying for financial aid, please complete the form and submit with your application materials according to the deadline schedule above.

Essay Questions

We consider the personal statement an essential part of the application process. On separate sheets of paper, please submit a typewritten essay (500–700 words) for each question (please complete both **a** and **b**).

- a.** Why are you applying to the Master of Arts in Jewish Studies degree program at Hebrew College? How would studying here enable you to achieve your goals?
- b.** Select a book, article or essay related to Jewish life/culture that you have read recently. Discuss your reactions, impressions and opinions.



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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Name Mr. Ms. Other _____ (First, Middle, Last) _____

Current Address _____ Apt. _____

City, State, Zip _____ **Country** _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____ (mobile) _____

Email Address _____

Permanent Address (if different) _____ Apt. _____

City, State, Zip _____ **Country** _____

Place of Birth _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Social Security Number _____ Male Female

Citizenship U.S. Permanent Resident Other _____

If not a U.S. Citizen Visa Number _____ Alien Registration Number _____

Emergency Contact (Name, Relationship, Phone) _____

Applying for

December 15 **early decision** for Fall 20____ ; Spring 20____

February 15 decision for Fall 20____

May 30 decision for Fall 20____

Graduate program

Master of Arts in Jewish Studies (MAJS)

Online MAJS

Combined MAJS/Bachelor of Arts in Jewish Studies

Master of Jewish Education (MJEd)

Combined MJEd/Bachelor of Arts in Jewish Studies

Matriculation status

Full-time study (3–5 courses/semester) Part-time study (2 courses/semester)

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ID _____

APP _____

FA _____

STATUS _____

Current School or Occupation _____

Undergraduate GPA _____ **Graduate GPA** (if applicable) _____

How would you assess your level of Hebrew proficiency? Advanced Intermediate Beginner

If English is *not* your native language, how would you assess your English language proficiency?

Advanced Intermediate Beginner

Letters of Reference Three letters of reference are required for application to master's degree programs. Please refer to the instruction sheet for details about the type of references needed for the program to which you are applying. Reference letters should be mailed directly to the Office of Admissions, Hebrew College, 160 Herrick Road, Newton Centre, MA 02459.

Please list the names, occupations and contact information for the individuals you have asked to serve as references:

1.	_____	_____
	Name	Title/Occupation
	_____	_____
	Address	Phone
2.	_____	_____
	Name	Title/Occupation
	_____	_____
	Address	Phone
3.	_____	_____
	Name	Title/Occupation
	_____	_____
	Address	Phone

Formal Academic Experience Please list chronologically all post-secondary institutions of higher learning that you have attended since high school.

	Name of institution	Location	Dates of attendance	Major	Degree/Certificate
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Do you consider your academic record an adequate index of your intellectual ability?

Yes No

If *not*, please explain _____

Informal Post-secondary Learning Experience Please list chronologically any institutes, Israel programs, study groups, travel-study experiences, retreats, etc., that you have attended since high school that are relevant to your plans to study at Hebrew College. If there is additional information you would like to share about these experiences, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.

Name of organization	Program	Dates of attendance	Area of study
1.	_____		
2.	_____		
3.	_____		
4.	_____		

Professional Experience Please list chronologically from most recent.

Dates of employment	Employer	Position	Address	Telephone
1.	_____			
2.	_____			
3.	_____			
4.	_____			

Relevant Extracurricular Activities

Activity	Dates of Participation	Offices/Positions held
1.	_____	
2.	_____	
3.	_____	
4.	_____	

Please list any awards, honors, distinctions or scholarships received.

Essay On separate sheets of paper, please address the essay question(s) listed in the Instructions for Applicants. Essays should be typed, include your name and a page number on each sheet, and should be submitted with this application.

Have you ever applied for admission or been a student at Hebrew College? If so, when and what program did you attend? _____

Are you applying to other graduate schools besides Hebrew College? Yes No

Have you spoken with a Hebrew College representative? Yes No

If yes, with whom? _____

How did you hear about Hebrew College? (check as many as apply)

- Graduate School Fair
- Mailing
- Word of Mouth
- Friend/Family
- Website
- Advertisement (which one?) _____
- Conference/Event (which one?) _____
- On-campus Event (which one?) _____
- Other _____

Signature I certify that I have considered each item on this application carefully, and that my statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that admission to or enrollment in Hebrew College may be denied if any information is found to be incomplete or inaccurate. I authorize the use of my transcripts and recommendations by the appropriate College personnel in evaluating my application to Hebrew College.

Signature of applicant (required to be considered for admission) date

Please send completed application with non-refundable application fee of \$50 (payable to Hebrew College) to Office of Admissions, Hebrew College, 160 Herrick Road, Newton Centre, MA 02459.

All documents filed for this application become the property of Hebrew College and are not returnable. Hebrew College does not discriminate in admission or any matter with regard to age, sex, religion, disability, race, color or national origin. Hebrew College is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.





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To be completed by the applicant:

Applicant (Name) _____ (Phone) _____

Proposed Degree/Certificate Program _____

Reference (Name) _____ (Title) _____

Reference (Address) _____ (Phone) _____

Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (Buckley Amendment), which gives students the right to inspect and review their educational records, students may waive their right to see specific confidential statements and letters of evaluation. I hereby (please check one): waive do not waive my right of access to this document should I matriculate to Hebrew College.

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

To be completed by the reference Please evaluate the applicant's capacity for success in his/her proposed field of study, commenting when possible on the candidate's academic potential and ability. Please include how long and in what capacity you have known the applicant. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL AID

Hebrew College has a comprehensive financial aid program and assists students in developing a financial plan to support their education. Should you have any questions about financial aid options, the application process or the status of your application, please call the Office of Student Financial Services, 617-559-8642 (Monday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.) or send an email to financialaid@hebrewcollege.edu.

Confidentiality All financial aid information supplied by the applicant is considered confidential and will not be made available to any individual or entity not directly connected with granting financial aid at Hebrew College.

Eligibility Financial aid is awarded on the basis of need to students who have been accepted into most of Hebrew College's degree or certificate programs and to matriculated degree or certificate candidates in good standing. Matriculated students must reapply for financial aid each year. All financial aid granted by Hebrew College applies only to tuition.

Deadlines There are three rounds of application deadlines for admissions decisions at Hebrew College: December 15 (early decision), February 15 and May 30. The deadline for Rabbinical School applicants is February 15 only. Financial aid applications are due with admissions materials. For matriculated students, financial aid application forms are due by May 1.

Application Checklist All of the following material must be included with your application before your request for financial aid will be considered.

- Answer all questions on this form, sign and date.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Although the FAFSA may not be submitted before January 1, if you are applying for the December 15 early decision deadline, please complete the FAFSA as soon as possible. For more information and an application form, visit www.fafsa.ed.gov. The Hebrew College code is 002157.
- Attach a copy of your most recent federal and state income tax returns.
- If there is any other relevant information that would help us to understand your needs, please attach a typed statement on a separate sheet.

Name Mr. Ms. Other _____ (first, middle, last) _____

Student ID Number (matriculated students only) _____

Social Security Number _____ **Date of Birth** _____ Male Female

Current Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **ZIP** _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____ (mobile) _____

Email Address _____

Permanent Address (if different) _____

City _____ **State** _____ **ZIP** _____

Citizenship U.S. Other _____ Visa Type _____

Most Recent Occupation _____ **Job Title** _____

Employer _____ **Business Address** _____

Annual Salary _____ **Dates of Employment** _____

Single Married Divorced Widow/er

Spouse Occupation _____

Spouse Business Address/Phone _____

Dependent Children (continue on separate sheet if necessary)

1. (Name/age) _____

(School or college attending/tuition cost) _____

2. (Name/age) _____

(School or college attending/tuition cost) _____

3. (Name/age) _____

(School or college attending/tuition cost) _____

Yes No Do you receive any financial support from family members?

Yes No Do you receive any financial support from other sources?

Yes No Do you participate in a tuition assistance program at your place of employment?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please specify source and amount _____

Do you own or rent your residence? Own Rent **Monthly mortgage or rental payment** _____

Please list the total value of each category below:

Cash, savings and checking accounts _____

Current market value of your home _____ Amount owed on this property _____

Automobile(s) _____

What other schools are you attending? _____

What is your annual tuition at the above institution(s)? _____

What Hebrew College program are you applying to?

Rabbinical School

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Online MAJS

Combined MAJS/Bachelor of Arts in Jewish Studies

Master of Jewish Education (MJEd)

Combined MJEd/Bachelor of Arts in Jewish Studies

Cantor-Educator program (MJEd and Cantorial Ordination)

Certificate in _____

How many total credits will you take this year? (fall and spring) _____

Are you planning to work during the school year? (If so, please describe proposed work and salary) _____

Signature I hereby certify that the information given above is complete and accurate.

Signature of applicant

Date

Please review the Application Checklist on the previous page before returning your completed form.