



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

MASTER OF JEWISH LIBERAL STUDIES (MJLS)

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 the status of your application, please call the Office of Admissions, 617-559-8610 (Monday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.) or email admissions@hebrewcollege.edu.

Selection of Candidates Admissions decisions are based on the 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.

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 for ensuring all of your application materials are received; we welcome calls or emails from candidates regarding the status of their applications.

Deadlines We have a rolling admissions process.

Application Checklist All applicants must submit the following materials:

- A completed, signed application form.
- A typewritten personal statement 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 Hebrew College Office of Admissions.
- Two letters of recommendation, including at least one from a rabbi or someone with whom you have studied. Letters should be completed on the enclosed forms and mailed directly to the Hebrew College Office of Admissions.
- A nonrefundable application fee of \$50; please submit a check or money order made payable to Hebrew College.

Interview The phone interview is an essential and required part of the application process for all Hebrew College graduate degree programs. Applicants will be contacted for an interview when their complete applications have been submitted.

Personal Statement We consider the personal statement an essential part of the application process. On separate sheets of paper, please submit a typewritten essay (1,000–1,500 words) as specified below (either **a** or **b**).

- a.** Discuss the path that has led you to apply for the MJLS and your personal goals in beginning this program.
- 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 MASTER OF JEWISH LIBERAL STUDIES

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 Fall 20 _____ Spring 20 _____ Summer 20 _____

How did you hear about the MJLS at Hebrew College? _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

ID _____ APP _____ FA _____ STATUS _____

Letters of Reference Two letters of reference are required. One of these letters should be from a rabbi or someone with whom you have studied. 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 |

Formal Academic Experience Please list chronologically all institutions of higher learning that you have attended since high school, or submit resume.

| | Name of institution | Location | Dates of attendance | Major | Degree/certificate |
|-----------|---------------------|----------|---------------------|-------|--------------------|
| 1. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

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, or submit resume. 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 employment.

| Dates of employment | Employer | Position | Address | Telephone |
|---------------------|----------|----------|---------|-----------|
| 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.

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.

Applicant signature (required to be considered for admission)

Date

Please send completed application with nonrefundable application fee of \$50 (payable to Hebrew College) to the 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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Applicant (name) _____ (phone) _____

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 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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