



CLAREMONT
SCHOOL OF
THEOLOGY

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN RELIGION

HEBREW BIBLE AND JEWISH STUDIES

COURSES AND DEGREE OPTIONS

This 48-credit program requires 12 courses in Hebrew Bible, including:

- Aramaic
- Hebrew Bible Electives
- Semitic language such as Akkadian, Ugaritic, Syriac, or Arabic
- Post-Biblical Jewish Studies
- Rabbinic

Students in the Hebrew Bible and Jewish Studies Concentration choose from one of two tracks:

1. Hebrew Bible (HB). The HB track focuses on interpreting the Hebrew Bible in relationship to the ancient Near East and the Hellenistic worlds.
2. Hebrew Bible and Jewish Studies (HBJS). The HBJS track focuses on interpreting the Hebrew Bible in relationship to the larger context from ancient Judaism through modern times.

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ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

The Ph.D. in Religion: Hebrew Bible and Jewish Studies program provides advanced education in the critical interpretation of the Hebrew Bible for students preparing for research and teaching in institutions of higher education, religious and community service, and other relevant contexts. The program requires rigorous education in the ancient biblical languages, including Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek; additional ancient Near East languages such as Akkadian, Ugaritic, and Syriac; modern research languages, including German and French; and in the historical-critical, literary-critical, social-scientific, and critical theological methods necessary for biblical interpretation.

Training in the program also presumes competence in the broader fields of religious and theological study, including the study of world religions, theology and philosophy of religion, ethics and society, and religion and culture.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Graduates concentrating in Hebrew Bible and Jewish Studies are expected to:

1. Have full competence in the interpretation of the Hebrew Bible and related literature according to methods accepted by modern critical scholarship.
2. Have full command of the relevant biblical, ancient Near Eastern, and modern research languages in the field.
3. Understand the historical, multicultural, and multi-religious context in which the Hebrew Bible arose.
4. Contribute to the field through new research, appropriate scholarly publications, lectures at professional scholarly organizations, and engagement in other academic, religious, and public contexts.
5. Relate the study of the Hebrew Bible to the broader world of other religious, theological, and public contexts in positive and healing ways.