

Obligatory Hebrew Knowledge Course for an Undergraduate Degree – Options and conditions

As a condition for admission to the university, a minimum level of Hebrew is required, which is determined based on the score in the Hebrew proficiency exam ([YAEL/YAELNET](#)) of the National Institute for Testing and Evaluation (NITE).

The score required for admission to undergraduate degree studies is 105 (except for single-major English Linguistics and single-major English Literature which require higher & single-major French taught in the French language from which there is an exemption from YAEL\YAELNET).

Applicants must meet the Hebrew level required in the Yael/Yaelnet exam by the beginning of the academic school year, with the exception of those enrolled in the Department of Computer Science and Multidisciplinary Social Science tracks:

Those who register for Computer Science - must meet the required threshold in Hebrew by **June 2023 (inclusive)**. After that, admission is based on available space

Those who register for the Multidisciplinary Social Sciences tracks - are required to take the YAEL/YAELNET exam by the following dates:

Multidisciplinary Social Sciences – **Yanshufim track** - no later than the **July** date of the YAEL/YAELNET test

Multidisciplinary Social Sciences – **Rom track** - no later than the **July** date of the YAEL/YAELNET test

Multidisciplinary Social Sciences – **Chacham track** - no later than the **July** date of the YAEL/YAELNET test

Multidisciplinary Social Sciences – **Yahalom track** - no later than the **July** date of the YAEL/YAELNET test

Multidisciplinary Social Sciences – **Chez track** - no later than the **December** date of the YAEL/YAELNET test

The YAEL/YAELNET exam is used as an admission condition as well as to check the degree of mastery of Hebrew and to place the students in courses according to their proficiency level.

Those who are exempt from the YAEL/YAELNET exam:

- * Candidates with an Israeli matriculation certificate whose language of instruction in the high school in which they studied is Hebrew.
- * Candidates who took the psychometric exam in the Hebrew language.

Those who are required to take the YAEL/YAELNET exam:

- * Candidates with an Israeli matriculation certificate whose language of instruction in the high school they attended is not Hebrew.
- * Candidates whose matriculation certificate is not Israeli.

Notes:

1. All university students - both those exempt from the YAEL/YAELNET exam and those who are required to take it - are required to reach an exemption level in Hebrew expression (based on matriculation scores in Hebrew, the YAEL/YAELNET exam, or a Hebrew expression course) and obtain a certificate of exemption from the Unit for Hebrew Expression and Ulpan. Details on the Unit for Hebrew Expression and Ulpan [website](#).
2. Without this exemption, it is not possible to receive a bachelor's degree from Bar-Ilan University.
3. Candidates with a Hebrew score of 84-104 will be able to enroll in concentrated summer courses designed to raise the level of Hebrew. A score of 80 at the end of the course will be a substitute for the threshold required in the YAEL/YAELNET exam (score of 105). Applicants who meet all the admission requirements will be admitted, apart from applicants for Computer Science, where admission will be based on available space. For inquiries in Arabic, you can contact Mr. Rafat Sovidan, phone 052-333-6383. Registration through the Unit for Hebrew Expression and Ulpan: habaa.unit@biu.ac.il
4. Candidates who attended high school in a language other than Hebrew, and took the psychometric exam in Hebrew – are exempt from the YAEL/YAELNET exam in terms of the university admission threshold but are required to obtain an exemption in Hebrew according to one of the following options:

- Undertake the course "Academic Writing" through the Unit for Hebrew Expression and Ulpan
- Take a "second language" exemption exam which is intended for new immigrant students and the Arab and Druze population. For more details, you can contact Unit for Hebrew Expression and Ulpan: Habaa.unit@biu.ac.il

Good luck, we look forward to seeing you!