

# Qualifications for Members of the Sanhedrin

- He had to be a Hebrew and a lineal descendant of Hebrew parents.
- He must have been learned in the law, both written and unwritten.
- He must have had judicial experience, having already filled three offices of gradually increasing dignity, beginning with one of the local courts and passing successfully through two magistracies at Jerusalem.
- He must have been thoroughly proficient in scientific knowledge, especially astronomy and medicine.
- He must have been an accomplished linguist. He must have been thoroughly familiar with the languages of the surrounding nations.
- He must have been modest, popular, of good appearance, and free from haughtiness.
- He must have been pious, strong, and courageous.

