# JEWISH STUDIES MINOR

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The Jewish Studies minor introduces students to the full range of the Jewish experience. Focusing on the breadth and depth of Jewish civilization, the minor illuminates the history, literature, values and religion of Judaism from its inception in Biblical times to today. Moreover, the Jewish Studies program places Judaism and Jewish civilization within its broader world context and examines its interaction with surrounding societies from antiquity to today.

This interdisciplinary minor draws on the resources of many departments across the curriculum and is designed for students who want to deepen their knowledge of Jewish history, literature and religion in an organized, directed manner. Such knowledge may also lead to a fuller understanding of the inception and development of Christianity and Islam.

Students in the program may gain additional opportunities, such as study abroad and away, departmental internships and work within the greater Jewish community. Finally, Jewish Studies students have gone on to pursue careers in journalism, education, fundraising, social work, counseling, Jewish organizational work and community leadership.

Students from throughout the university are welcome to undertake the minor, despite its course concentration in the College of Liberal Arts.

The Jewish Studies minor will be subject to revision and expansion in the future, as courses are evaluated by an advisory committee which will monitor the program. New courses, special topics or Minimester courses may be accepted for the minor, or counted toward it, with the approval of the advisory committee.

## Requirements

A minimum of 18 units is required for the minor in Jewish Studies.

| Code | Title | Units |
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| **Required Courses** | | |
| Choose two from the following: | | 6 |
| ENGL 239 | MODERN JEWISH LITERATURE | |
| HIST 277 | A SURVEY OF JEWISH HISTORY | |
| RLST 210 | INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM | |
| **Electives** | | |
| Select four courses from minimum two different departments from the following. Minimum two courses must be upper (300-400) level. [1] | | 12 |
| English | | |
| ENGL 235 | ETHNIC-AMERICAN LITERATURE | |
| ENGL 253 | THE BIBLE AND LITERATURE | |
| ENGL 341 | HISTORY AND LITERATURE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT | |
| ENGL 471 | TOPICS IN WORLD LITERATURE [2] | |
| Geography | | |
| GEOG 447 | GEOGRAPHY OF THE MIDDLE EAST | |
| Hebrew | | |
| HEBR 101 | ELEMENTS OF HEBREW I | |
| HEBR 102 | ELEMENTS OF HEBREW II | |
| HEBR 103 | BIBLICAL HEBREW I | |
| HEBR 104 | BIBLICAL HEBREW II | |
| HEBR 201 | HEBREW INTERMEDIATE I | |
| HEBR 202 | HEBREW INTERMEDIATE II | |
| HEBR 203 | BIBLICAL HEBREW III | |
| HEBR 204 | BIBLICAL HEBREW IV | |
| HEBR 205 | CONTEMPORARY HEBREW LITERATURE | |
| HEBR 301 | HEBREW COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION I | |
| HEBR 302 | HEBREW COMPOSITION AND CONVERSATION II | |
| HEBR 370 | SPECIAL TOPICS IN HEBREW | |
| History | | |
| HIST 118 | MODERN MIDDLE EAST HISTORY | |
| HIST 338 | THE MIDDLE EAST: AN URBAN PERSPECTIVE | |
| HIST 339 | THE MAKING OF THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST | |
| HIST 340 | ISRAEL/PALESTINE: CONFLICTING PAST, CONFLICTING PRESENT | |
| HIST 462 | THE HOLOCAUST IN HISTORICAL AND COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE | |
| Philosophy and Religious Studies | | |
| PHIL 353 | PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION | |
| RLST 103 | EXPLORING BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY | |
| RLST 105 | INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF RELIGION | |
| RLST 201 | INTRODUCTION TO THE HEBREW BIBLE | |
| RLST 206 | JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM | |
| RLST 210 | INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM | |
| RLST 211 | INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH THOUGHT | |
| RLST 225 | AMERICAN JEWISH HUMOR | |
| RLST 310 | JEWISH LAW AND ETHICS | |
| RLST 331 | EXPLORING GENESIS | |
| RLST 325 | JEWISH GRAPHIC NOVELS | |
| RLST 335 | PROPHETS AND PROPHECY IN ANCIENT ISRAEL | |
| RLST 415 | GLOBAL JEWISH LITERATURE | |
| RLST 425 | RACE, GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND JUDAISM | |
| Political Science | | |
| POSC 329 | THE POLITICS OF ETHNICITY AND NATIONALISM | |
| Sociology and Anthropology | | |
| ANTH 367 | PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST | |
| **Total Units** | | **18** |

[1]  Other courses related to Jewish Studies, including special topics courses not listed above, may be selected with the permission of the Jewish Studies Program Director. Maximum two courses from Hebrew (HEBR) may be applied toward the minor.

[2]  Topics related to Jewish Studies accepted with permission of the Jewish Studies Program Director.