

JEWISH STUDIES M.A.

Degree: Master of Arts

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Towson University has suspended the program and is no longer accepting students in this program. The program requirements can be seen within the 2023-2024 catalog.

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The Jewish Studies M.A. is a liberal arts program that offers students immersion in the history, literature, and culture of Judaism as well as comprehension of the scope of the Jewish experience. Graduates of this program typically go on for a Ph.D. or seek employment requiring a depth of Judaic knowledge. The program consists of a five-course core sequence and a concentration in one of five fields: Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Civilization, Rabbinic Literature, Jewish Thought and Mysticism, Jewish History, or Contemporary Jewish Studies.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate content knowledge in Jewish Studies ranging from the world of the Bible and ancient Near East to modernity in the West and Middle East.
2. Students will acquire a mastery of the Hebrew language that will be sufficient to facilitate serious academic work in Jewish Studies.
3. Students will demonstrate knowledge of research techniques in order to:
 - access information effectively and efficiently
 - evaluate critically the sources and content of information
 - use information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose, be it ones thesis or a research paper for a particular course