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
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.