

JEWISH STUDIES - BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

The Bachelor of Arts in Jewish Studies is designed to help students develop the professional skills they need to become engaged global citizens, preparing them to obtain a job after graduation, pursue graduate studies and engage in dialogues about social justice around the world. By studying the world through the lens of Jewish culture, history, literature, society, and thought from a broad, interdisciplinary perspective, our students gain fundamental critical thinking, problem solving and communication skills.

Students pursuing a BA in Jewish studies may choose one of the following two concentrations:

- Culture intensive concentration, in which students will pursue an in-depth study of Jewish culture.
- Foreign language intensive concentration, in which students will obtain advanced language skills in addition to considerable knowledge of Jewish culture.

The major in Jewish studies is open to all students of all backgrounds, Jewish and non-Jewish.

Concentration Areas

Students pursuing a BA in Jewish studies may choose one of the following two concentrations: culture intensive or foreign language intensive.

Culture Intensive Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses		6
JWST/GSLL 2350	Introduction to Jewish Culture	
JWST 4000	Capstone in Jewish Studies (Senior Capstone)	
Fundamental Jewish Studies Requirements ¹		
Select at least two of the following courses, all courses are highly recommended:		6
JWST/HIST/RLST 1818	Jewish History to 1492	
JWST/HIST/RLST 1828	Jewish History Since 1492	
JWST/GSLL 2551	Modern Jewish Literature	
JWST/RLST 3100	Judaism	
JWST/IAFS/GSLL 3600	Contemporary Jewish Societies	
Literature, Culture, and the Arts ²		
Select at least two of the following courses		6
JWST/GSLL 2551	Modern Jewish Literature	
JWST/RLST 3110	Of Jewish Legends, Folktales and the Supernatural	
JWST 3120	Radical Jews	
JWST/ENGL 3310	The Bible as Literature	
JWST/GSLL 3401	The Heart of Europe: Filmmakers and Writers in 20th Century Central Europe	

JWST/GRMN 3501	The German-Jewish Experience: From the Enlightenment to the Present
JWST 3820	Topics in Jewish Studies
JWST 4101	Topics in Hebrew Studies
JWST/MUSC 4122	Music in Jewish Culture
JWST 4203	Israeli Literature: Exile, Nation, Home
JWST/ENGL 4677	Jewish-American Literature
JWST 4900	Independent Study in Jewish Studies (On topic relevant to Literature, Culture, and the Arts)
HUMN/GRMN 2601	Kafka and the Kafkaesque ³
History, Politics, and Religion	
Select at least two of the following courses	
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FYSM 1000	First Year Seminar (God) ⁴
JWST 1234/ENGL 1340	Mysticism and the Jewish American Literary Tradition
JWST/HIST/RLST 1818	Jewish History to 1492
JWST/HIST/RLST 1828	Jewish History Since 1492
JWST/HIST/RLST 1830	Global History of Holocaust and Genocide
JWST/RLST 1900	Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament
JWST/RLST 1910	Introduction to the New Testament
JWST/GRMN 2502	Representing the Holocaust
JWST/RLST 2600	Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: Abrahamic Religions
JWST/RLST 3100	Judaism
JWST/RLST 3150	Jerusalem: The Holy City in History, Legend, and Religious Thought
JWST/WGST 3200	Religion and Feminist Thought
JWST/RLST 3202/WGST 3201	Women, Gender & Sexuality in Jewish Texts & Traditions
JWST/IAFS/RLST 3530	Global Seminar: Jews and Muslims - The Multiethnic History of Istanbul
JWST/IAFS/GSLL 3600	Contemporary Jewish Societies
JWST/IAFS 3610	Topics in International Affairs and Jewish Studies
JWST/IAFS 3650	History of Arab-Israeli Conflict
JWST 3681	Refugees in German Culture
JWST 3930	Internship in Jewish Studies
JWST/ANTH 4050	Anthropology of Jews and Judaism
JWST/RLST 4170	God and Politics
JWST/RLST 4180	Is God Dead?
JWST/RLST 4190	Love and Desire
JWST 4200	Religion and Reproductive Politics in the United States
JWST/RLST 4260	Topics in Judaism
JWST 4301	Venice: The Cradle of European Jewish Culture

JWST 4302/ IAFS 3520	Global Seminar: Justice, Human Rights and Democracy in Israel
JWST/HIST 4338	History of Modern Israel/Palestine
JWST/HIST 4348	Topics in Jewish History
JWST 4388	History Today: Nationalism and Collective Memory in Israel/Palestine
JWST/HIST 4378	Jews in and of the Middle East
JWST/ANTH 4580	The Holocaust: An Anthropological Perspective
JWST 4800	Ethics, Medicine and the Holocaust: Legacies in Health and Society
JWST 4900	Independent Study in Jewish Studies (On topic relevant to History, Religion, and Politics)
WRWG 3020	Topics in Writing (After the Holocaust) ⁴

Electives (12 credit hours from the courses listed above not used to fulfill a requirement listed above) ³ **12**

Auxiliary Courses (Optional) (maximum of 6 credit hours)

Auxiliary courses are courses from outside the Program in Jewish Studies which may count toward a Jewish Studies major. For all auxiliary courses, all final projects must be approved for the Jewish Studies major by the Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Program in Jewish Studies. A current list of auxiliary courses eligible to be counted towards the Jewish Studies major can be found on the Program in Jewish Studies website.

Total Credit Hours **36**

Foreign Language Intensive Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required Courses 6		
JWST/GSLL 2350	Introduction to Jewish Culture	
JWST 4000	Capstone in Jewish Studies (Senior Capstone)	

Language Requirement

Three years of university level language training or demonstrated equivalent proficiency in Hebrew (modern or Biblical) or another language that is to be used in the Jewish Studies capstone project (JWST 4000). Examples include Russian, French, German, Arabic or Spanish. Language must be approved by the Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Program in Jewish Studies.

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JWST/HIST/RLST 1828	Jewish History Since 1492
JWST/GSLL 2551	Modern Jewish Literature
JWST/RLST 3100	Judaism
JWST/IAFS/GSLL 3600	Contemporary Jewish Societies

Optional but highly recommended:

JWST 3930	Internship in Jewish Studies
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Additional Requirements

12–24 remaining credit hours, of which at least eight must be upper division (3000-4000 level), taken from among the following list or other courses by approval of major advisor. **12-24**

Lower Division: ²

FYSM 1000	First Year Seminar (God) ⁴
JWST 1234/ ENGL 1340	Mysticism and the Jewish American Literary Tradition
JWST/HIST/RLST 1830	Global History of Holocaust and Genocide
JWST/RLST 1900	Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament
JWST/RLST 1910	Introduction to the New Testament
JWST/GRMN 2502	Representing the Holocaust
JWST/RLST 2600	Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: Abrahamic Religions
HEBR 1030	Beginning Biblical Hebrew, First Semester
HEBR 2040	Intermediate Biblical Hebrew, Second Semester
HEBR 2120	Intermediate Modern Hebrew, Second Semester
HUMN/GRMN 2601	Kafka and the Kafkaesque ⁴

Upper Division:

JWST/RLST 3110	Of Jewish Legends, Folktales and the Supernatural
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JWST/RLST 3150	Jerusalem: The Holy City in History, Legend, and Religious Thought
JWST/WGST 3200	Religion and Feminist Thought
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JWST/ANTH 4580	The Holocaust: An Anthropological Perspective
JWST/ENGL 4677	Jewish-American Literature
JWST 4800	Ethics, Medicine and the Holocaust: Legacies in Health and Society
JWST 4900	Independent Study in Jewish Studies
HEBR 3010	Third Year Modern Hebrew, First Semester
HEBR 3020	Third Year Modern Hebrew, Second Semester
HEBR 3030	Advanced Biblical Hebrew, Third Year, First Semester
WRTG 3020	Topics in Writing (After the Holocaust) ⁴

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- ¹ Additional Fundamental Jewish Studies Requirement courses can be taken to fulfill another major requirement where allowed.
- ² For students pursuing the Culture Intensive Concentration, language courses may count as electives, but they do not count for Literature, Culture, and the Arts.
- ³ Not subject to the 6 credit hours limit on Auxiliary courses from outside Jewish Studies.
- ⁴ Electives can come from JWST, HEBR, or a range of other departments.
- ⁵ For student pursuing the Language Intensive Concentration, the first three semesters of modern Hebrew (or any equivalent language being used in the required capstone course JWST 4000) do not count as credit hours toward the major.

Recommended Four-Year Plan of Study

Learning Outcomes

An undergraduate degree in Jewish Studies emphasizes knowledge and awareness of:

- The history of global Jewish communities over time, including the history of Israel and Palestine, biblical and medieval Jewish history, history of Jewish communities in the Mediterranean, the history of the Holocaust and post-Holocaust American Judaism.
- Dimensions of Jewish culture across variant Jewish communities, including differences in Jewish cultural practices, Jewish music and

film, and Jewish philosophies, religious practices, mysticisms and thought.

- Jewish literature from the biblical period to the present, including Israeli literature, the Hebrew origins of western civilization and contemporary Jewish literature.
- Global languages of the Jewish people, including Hebrew, Arabic, Spanish, French, Italian, Russian, German, Ladino and others (for students pursuing the foreign language intensive concentration).

In addition, it is expected that through a degree in Jewish Studies: