

JEWISH STUDIES, MINOR

College of Letters & Science

Minor

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Department Office

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The Program in Jewish Studies offers students the opportunity to explore Jewish history, communities, literature, religion, and culture in a comparative perspective and multicultural framework. Courses include Hebrew language instruction as well as the study of classical and modern Jewish texts in translation.

The interdisciplinary minor in Jewish Studies provides an introduction to the study of Jewish culture, thought, history, and literature. Students learn a broad range of methodologies and critical concepts in these areas and gain insight into the relationship between Jewish identities, histories, and representations and those of the cultures in which Jews throughout the world have lived.

The Program in Jewish Studies will be of special interest to students in History, Religious Studies, Comparative Literature and Sociology as well as other fields in the Humanities & Social Sciences.

Advising

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| Code | Title | Units | |
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| Choose one: | | 4 | |
| HIS 011 | History of the Jewish People in the Modern World | | |
| JST 010 | Introduction to Jewish Cultures | | |
| RST 012 | Emergence of Judaism, Christianity & Islam | | |
| RST 021 | The Bible & Its Interpreters | | |
| RST 023 | Introduction to Judaism | | |
| Choose four: | | 16 | |
| COM 147 | Modern Jewish Writers | | |
| ENL 171A | The Bible as Literature: The Old Testament (Discontinued) | | |
| GER/JST 116 | Readings in Jewish Writing & Thought in German Culture | | |
| GER 117 | After the Catastrophe: Jews & Jewish Life in Post-1945 Germany | | |
| GER 127 | Major Writers in German (When course covers a Jewish writer) | | |
| GER 141 | The Holocaust & its Literary Representation | | |
| HIS 011 | History of the Jewish People in the Modern World | | |
| HIS 110 | Themes in World History (When topic is Antisemitism & Islamophobia) | | |
| HIS 112A | Topics in Pre-Modern Jewish History | | |
| HIS 112B | Topics in Modern Jewish History | | |
| HIS 112C | History of Jews in the Muslim World | | |
| | | | Total Units |
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