

JEWISH STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

From history to political science, sociology to music and the arts, Jewish Studies is a vibrant, interdisciplinary program that allows you to explore Jewish civilization from a variety of perspectives. We encourage all students to consider a Jewish Studies major (<https://cjs.wisc.edu/major-in-jewish-studies/>) or certificate (<https://cjs.wisc.edu/certificate-in-jewish-studies/>), regardless of your background or previous study.

As a student in Jewish Studies, you will study the intellectual and cultural values of Jews, their religious beliefs and practices, languages, literary creativity, and participation in the larger societies in which they live. You will sharpen your ability to think critically, read closely, and write effectively. And while learning how Jews have lived, survived, and sometimes flourished, you will gain a deeper comprehension of their rich, varied culture and the world they inhabit.

Since Jewish Studies is an interdisciplinary field, many students simultaneously pursue majors or certificates in other departments, including Art, Education, Geography, History, Music, Political Science, Religious Studies, and Sociology. Given the broad history and geography of the Jewish experience, Jewish Studies also pairs well with programs like African Studies, Classical and Near Eastern Studies, European Studies, German/Nordic/Slavic Studies, and Middle Eastern Studies. For the same reason, many of Jewish Studies courses fulfill General Education requirements, including Humanities and Literature, Ethnic Studies, Foreign Language, and Communications Part B. To get a sense of the variety of our offerings, check out our current and recent courses (<https://cjs.wisc.edu/courses/>).

Building on a strong foundation in the humanities and social sciences, you may go on to pursue a variety of career paths, such as education, library and information sciences, finance and international trade, journalism and mass media, social work, and the nonprofit sector. Our graduates are also well prepared to apply for law school, graduate school, or rabbinical studies.

Questions? Contact undergraduate advisor Gwen Walker: undergrad-adviser@cjs.wisc.edu.

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Students interested in a certificate in Jewish Studies should make an appointment with the undergraduate advisor (undergrad-adviser@cjs.wisc.edu) to discuss requirements and courses.

REQUIREMENTS

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The Jewish Studies certificate requires 5 courses, totaling at least 15 credits, in 4 areas (each course may count toward only one required area):

1. two courses in an approved Jewish language;
2. one course in Literature, Philosophy, or the Arts;

3. one course in History or Social Science; and
4. one course in Pre-Modern Jewish History, Culture, or Literature.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Complete two courses in one of the following approved Jewish languages at the appropriate level.

Code	Title	Credits
Biblical Hebrew (Select 2 courses):		
HEBR-BIB 103	Elementary Biblical Hebrew, I	
HEBR-BIB 104	Elementary Biblical Hebrew, II	
HEBR-BIB 323	Intermediate Biblical Hebrew, I	
HEBR-BIB 324	Intermediate Biblical Hebrew, II	
HEBR-BIB 391	Intensive Elementary Biblical Hebrew	
HEBR-BIB/ JEWISH 513	Biblical Texts, Poetry	
HEBR-BIB/ JEWISH 514	Biblical Texts, Poetry	
Modern Hebrew (Select 2 courses):		
HEBR-MOD 101	First Semester Hebrew	
HEBR-MOD 102	Second Semester Hebrew	
HEBR-MOD 201	Third Semester Hebrew	
HEBR-MOD 202	Fourth Semester Hebrew	
HEBR-MOD/ JEWISH 301	Introduction to Hebrew Literature	
HEBR-MOD/ JEWISH 302	Introduction to Hebrew Literature	
HEBR-MOD/ JEWISH 401	Topics in Modern Hebrew / Israeli Literature and Culture I	
HEBR-MOD/ JEWISH 402	Topics in Modern Hebrew / Israeli Literature and Culture II	
Yiddish (Select 2 courses)		
JEWISH/GNS 105	First Semester Yiddish	
JEWISH/GNS 106	Second Semester Yiddish	

LITERATURE, PHILOSOPHY, OR THE ARTS

Complete one course in Literature, Philosophy, or the Arts.

Code	Title	Credits
JEWISH/ LEGAL ST/ RELIG ST 203	Jewish Law, Business, and Ethics	
JEWISH/ RELIG ST 211	Introduction to Judaism	
JEWISH/ CLASSICS/ LITTRANS/ RELIG ST 227	Introduction to Biblical Literature (in English)	
JEWISH 230	Elementary Topics in Jewish Literature	
JEWISH 232	Elementary Topics in Jewish Philosophy and the Arts	
JEWISH 236	Bascom Course	
JEWISH/ GERMAN/ LITTRANS 269	Yiddish Literature and Culture in Europe	

JEWISH/ RELIG ST 278	Food in Rabbinic Judaism
JEWISH/ GERMAN/ LITTRANS 279	Yiddish Literature and Culture in America
JEWISH 299	Directed Study
JEWISH/HEBR- MOD 301	Introduction to Hebrew Literature
JEWISH/HEBR- MOD 302	Introduction to Hebrew Literature
JEWISH/ LITTRANS 318	Modern Jewish Literature
JEWISH/ RELIG ST 322	The Sabbath
JEWISH/ LITTRANS/ RELIG ST 328	Classical Rabbinic Literature in Translation
JEWISH/ CLASSICS/ HEBR-BIB/ LITTRANS/ RELIG ST 332	Prophets of the Bible
JEWISH/ CLASSICS/ RELIG ST 335	King David in History and Tradition
JEWISH/ RELIG ST 340	The American Jewish Life of DNA
JEWISH/ CLASSICS/ RELIG ST 346	Jewish Literature of the Greco-Roman Period
JEWISH 356	Jerusalem, Holy City of Conflict and Desire
JEWISH/ LITTRANS 367	Israeli Fiction in Translation
JEWISH/ ENGL 370	Jewish Humor
JEWISH/HEBR- MOD 401	Topics in Modern Hebrew / Israeli Literature and Culture I
JEWISH/HEBR- MOD 402	Topics in Modern Hebrew / Israeli Literature and Culture II
JEWISH 430	Intermediate Topics in Jewish Literature
JEWISH 432	Intermediate Topics in Jewish Philosophy and the Arts
JEWISH/ PHILOS 442	Moral Philosophy and the Holocaust
JEWISH/HEBR- BIB 513	Biblical Texts, Poetry
JEWISH/HEBR- BIB 514	Biblical Texts, Poetry
JEWISH/ ENGL 539	Jewish Literatures in Diaspora
JEWISH/ ENGL 593	Literature of Jewish Identity in America
JEWISH/PHILOS/ RELIG ST 435	Jewish Philosophy from Antiquity to the Seventeenth Century

JEWISH/ GERMAN 510	German-Jewish Culture Since the 18th Century
JEWISH 630	Advanced Topics in Jewish Literature
JEWISH 632	Advanced Topics in Jewish Philosophy and the Arts
JEWISH 699	Directed Study

HISTORY OR SOCIAL SCIENCE

Complete one course in History or Social Science.

Code	Title	Credits
JEWISH/ LEGAL ST/ RELIG ST 203	Jewish Law, Business, and Ethics	
JEWISH/ RELIG ST 211	Introduction to Judaism	
JEWISH/ HISTORY 213	Jews and American Pop. Culture	
JEWISH/ HISTORY 219	The American Jewish Experience: From Shtetl to Suburb	
JEWISH/ HISTORY 220	Introduction to Modern Jewish History	
JEWISH 231	Elementary Topics in Jewish History	
JEWISH/ CLASSICS 241	Introduction to Biblical Archaeology	
JEWISH/ RELIG ST 278	Food in Rabbinic Judaism	
JEWISH 299	Directed Study	
JEWISH/ HISTORY 310	The Holocaust	
JEWISH/ RELIG ST 340	The American Jewish Life of DNA	
JEWISH/ POLI SCI 341	Israeli Politics and Society	
JEWISH 350	What Is Jewish Studies?	
JEWISH/ILS/ SOC 423	Modern Jewish Thought	
JEWISH 431	Intermediate Topics in Jewish History	
JEWISH/ CLASSICS 451	Biblical Archaeology	
CURRIC/ED POL/ HISTORY/ JEWISH 515	Holocaust: History, Memory and Education	
JEWISH/ HISTORY 518	Anti-Semitism in European Culture, 1700-1945	
POLI SCI 529	Arab-Israeli Conflict	
JEWISH 631	Advanced Topics in Jewish History	
JEWISH 699	Directed Study	

Total Credits **0**

PRE-MODERN JEWISH HISTORY, CULTURE, OR LITERATURE

Complete one course in Pre-Modern Jewish History, Culture, or Literature.

Code	Title	Credits
JEWISH/ LEGAL ST/ RELIG ST 203	Jewish Law, Business, and Ethics	
JEWISH/ RELIG ST 211	Introduction to Judaism	
JEWISH/ CLASSICS/ LITTRANS/ RELIG ST 227	Introduction to Biblical Literature (in English)	
JEWISH/ CLASSICS 241	Introduction to Biblical Archaeology	
JEWISH/ RELIG ST 278	Food in Rabbinic Judaism	
JEWISH/ RELIG ST 322	The Sabbath	
JEWISH/ LITTRANS/ RELIG ST 328	Classical Rabbinic Literature in Translation	
JEWISH/ CLASSICS/ HEBR-BIB/ LITTRANS/ RELIG ST 332	Prophets of the Bible	
JEWISH/ CLASSICS/ RELIG ST 335	King David in History and Tradition	
JEWISH/ CLASSICS/ RELIG ST 346	Jewish Literature of the Greco-Roman Period	
JEWISH 356	Jerusalem, Holy City of Conflict and Desire	
JEWISH/PHILOS/ RELIG ST 435	Jewish Philosophy from Antiquity to the Seventeenth Century	
JEWISH/ CLASSICS 451	Biblical Archaeology	
JEWISH/ AFRICAN/ MEDIEVAL/ RELIG ST 462	Muslims and Jews	
JEWISH/HEBR-BIB 513	Biblical Texts, Poetry	
JEWISH/HEBR-BIB 514	Biblical Texts, Poetry	

NOTE ON DIRECTED STUDY

With prior consent of the undergraduate advisor in Jewish Studies and the relevant instructor, students may use one Directed Study course (JEWISH 699 (<https://guide.wisc.edu/search/?P=JEWISH%20699>)) to satisfy a requirement for the certificate.

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- Minimum 2.000 GPA in all JEWISH courses and courses approved for the certificate
- 11 credits, counting toward the certificate, taken in residence

CERTIFICATE COMPLETION REQUIREMENT

This undergraduate certificate must be completed concurrently with the student's undergraduate degree. Students cannot delay degree completion to complete the certificate.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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1. At least two semesters of reading, understanding and conversing in Hebrew or another approved Jewish language.
2. Honed critical abilities in close reading, interpretation, and written analysis of ancient and modern Jewish texts.
3. Expanded knowledge of Jewish history, culture, philosophy, arts, religious practice, and politics in both the past and present.
4. Disposition of increased appreciation for diverse world views, value systems and interactions between Jews and non-Jews, minorities and majorities, in Wisconsin, the US, and across the globe.

ADVISING AND CAREERS

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Jewish studies can prepare one for a variety of career paths. Graduates in Jewish studies have followed a variety of different career paths, including law, medicine, education, finance, social work, and the nonprofit sector. Jewish studies students are also well prepared to apply for graduate studies in fields such as law, education, business, and social work, as well as prime candidates for rabbinical or cantorial school, theological studies, and advanced levels of Jewish studies.

The Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies encourages students to begin working on their career exploration and preparation soon after arriving on campus. We partner with SuccessWorks at the College of Letters & Science. L&S graduates are in high demand by employers and graduate programs. It is important to us that our students are career ready at the time of graduation, and we are committed to your success.

L&S CAREER RESOURCES

Every L&S major opens a world of possibilities. SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps students turn the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and other coursework into fulfilling lives after graduation, whether that means jobs, public service, graduate school or other career pursuits.

In addition to providing basic support like resume reviews and interview practice, SuccessWorks offers ways to explore interests and build career skills from their very first semester/term at UW all the way through graduation and beyond.

Students can explore careers in one-on-one advising, try out different career paths, complete internships, prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications, and connect with supportive alumni and even employers in the fields that inspire them.

- SuccessWorks (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/>)
- Set up a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)

- Enroll in a Career Course (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/career-courses/>) - a great idea for first- and second-year students:
 - INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit)
 - INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Comm B General Education Requirement)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
 - INTER-LS 260 Internship in the Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Activate your Handshake account (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/handshake/>) to apply for jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers recruiting UW-Madison students
- Learn about the impact SuccessWorks has on students' lives (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/about/mission/>)

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