

Jewish Studies (JWST)

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The Jewish Studies minor introduces students to Jewish history, thought, and lifeways, through the millennia and around the globe. Students take courses introducing them to the basic tenets of Judaism, to fundamentals of Jewish languages (Aramaic, Biblical Hebrew, Modern Hebrew, and Yiddish), and to major strands in European, American, and Middle Eastern Jewish thought. Affiliated courses will cover Jewish literature; religious dialogue and history; current politics; ancient, medieval, early modern, and modern Jewish history; and discourse on gender, multiculturalism, and social justice. Jewish Studies offers a broad interdisciplinary context of coursework that can complement most programs of study.

Requirements for a Minor in Jewish Studies: Students who minor in Jewish Studies will take JWST 20003 Introduction to Judaism, a 3-credit hour introductory interdisciplinary course that lays out historical, religious, cultural, linguistic, and philosophical foundations and questions critical to any exploration of any branch of Jewish Studies. Students must take an additional 12 hours of elective coursework from among options listed below. Other courses with significant Jewish Studies-related content and the possibility for an additional Jewish Studies project (for example Religious Studies courses, Middle East Studies courses, or appropriate literature or cinema courses), subject to approval by the chair of the Jewish Studies program, will also be considered.

JWST 20003	Introduction to Judaism	3
Choose 12 hours from the following:		12
GERM 40103	Germany and the Holocaust: The Significance of the Holocaust in Differentiated Contexts	
GREK 40903	Biblical and Patristic Greek	
GREK 20103	Intermediate Ancient Greek I	
HIST 30403	History of the Modern Middle East	
HIST 34703	Palestine and Israel in Modern Times	
HIST 41403	Intellectual History of Europe Since the Enlightenment	
HIST 42003	History of the Holocaust	
HIST 44903	Religion in America to 1860	
HUMN 4250V	Colloquium (The Land of Israel in Jewish Thought)	
HUMN 4250V	Colloquium (Jewish-Christian Relations)	
HUMN 4250V	Colloquium (Intensive Biblical Hebrew)	
JWST 31003	Introduction to Jewish Languages	
JWST 40003	Modern Jewish Thought	
JWST 40103	Contemporary Jewish Thought	
JWST 4700V	Special Topics in Jewish Studies	
JWST 4750V	Independent Investigations in Jewish Studies	
MRST 30103	Special Topics in Medieval Studies	

Total Hours

15

Courses

JWST 20003. Introduction to Judaism. 3 Hours.

An introduction to the practices, teachings, and scriptures of Judaism, focusing on the post-Biblical period up to the present. (Typically offered: Fall Odd Years)

JWST 31003. Introduction to Jewish Languages. 3 Hours.

An introduction to the alphabet, grammar, syntax, and basic vocabulary of Hebrew, Jewish Aramaic and Yiddish. (Typically offered: Fall Even Years)

JWST 40003. Modern Jewish Thought. 3 Hours.

A survey of the main trends in Jewish thought from the seventeenth through the nineteenth century. (Typically offered: Irregular)

JWST 40103. Contemporary Jewish Thought. 3 Hours.

A survey of trends in Jewish thought in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, focusing on the ways in which Jewish thinkers have responded to the events affecting Jews and the conditions of Jewish life in from approximately 1900 to the present. (Typically offered: Spring Odd Years)

JWST 4700V. Special Topics in Jewish Studies. 1-3 Hour.

Irregular course offerings that focus on a specialized area of Jewish Studies not covered in depth in regular JWST or affiliated courses. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

JWST 4750V. Independent Investigations in Jewish Studies. 1-3 Hour.

This course can be offered to allow a student to pursue reading and research on a topic of interest not covered in regular JWST courses. Prerequisite: Instructor consent. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.