Jewish Studies Minor

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 2003 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.

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Choose 12 hours from the following:

- GERM 4013 Germany and the Holocaust: The Significance of the Holocaust in Differentiated Contexts
- GREK 4093 Biblical and Patristic Greek
- GREK 2003 Intermediate Ancient Greek I
- HIST 3043 History of the Modern Middle East
- HIST 3473 Palestine and Israel in Modern Times
- HIST 4143 Intellectual History of Europe Since the Enlightenment
- HIST 4203 History of the Holocaust
- HIST 4493 Religion in America to 1860
- HUMN 425V Colloquium (The Land of Israel in Jewish Thought)
- HUMN 425V Colloquium (Jewish-Christian Relations)
- HUMN 425V Colloquium (Intensive Biblical Hebrew)
- JWST 3103 Introduction to Jewish Languages
- JWST 4003 Modern Jewish Thought
- JWST 4013 Contemporary Jewish Thought
- JWST 470V Special Topics in Jewish Studies
- JWST 475V Independent Investigations in Jewish Studies
- MRST 3013 Special Topics in Medieval Studies

Total Hours 15

Courses

JWST 2003. 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 3103. 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 4003. Modern Jewish Thought. 3 Hours.
A survey of the main trends in Jewish thought from the seventeenth through the nineteenth century. (Typically offered: Irregular)
This course is cross-listed with PHIL 4103.

JWST 4013. 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)
This course is cross-listed with PHIL 4313.

JWST 470V. 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 475V. 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.