

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES: JEWISH STUDIES, BALAS

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences Major in Interdisciplinary Studies, Jewish Studies Concentration

The Program in Jewish Culture & Society (<https://jewishculture.illinois.edu/>) sponsors this concentration. This concentration provides the student with knowledge of the Hebrew language, the opportunity to begin a study of Yiddish, and a broad appreciation of Jewish religion, culture, and history.

A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS Student Academic Affairs Office before the end of the fifth semester (60-75 hours). Please see your advisor.

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All substitutions must be approved by the Advisor in the Program in Jewish Culture and Society Office (<https://jewishculture.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate/jewish-studies-major/>). Substitution for specific courses listed will be approved by the concentration advisor only in exceptional cases.

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Departmental distinction: To be eligible for graduation with distinction, a student must have a college grade point average of 3.5, a major concentration grade point average of 3.5, completion of HUM 498 with a grade of A, and completion of a semester paper in HUM 498 that is judged to be deserving of "distinction" by a committee of at least two faculty members.

High distinction: To be eligible for graduation with high distinction, a student must have a college grade point average of 3.5, a major concentration grade point average of 3.7, and must have completed HUM 492 (instead of HUM 498) with a grade of A and a thesis in HUM 492 that is judged to be deserving of "high distinction" by a committee of at least two faculty members.

General education: Students must complete the Campus General Education (<https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/>) requirements including the campus general education language requirement.

Minimum required major and supporting course work: Normally equates to 45-51 hours. Twelve hours of 300- and 400-level in the major must be taken on this campus.

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours.

Code	Title	Hours
JS 199	Undergraduate Open Seminar (An Independent Study experience to be arranged with a Jewish Studies affiliated faculty member)	3

Hebrew and/or Yiddish language courses, including:		26-29
HEBR 201	Elementary Modern Hebrew I	
HEBR 202	Elementary Modern Hebrew II	
HEBR 403	Intermediate Modern Hebrew I	
HEBR 404	Intermediate Modern Hebrew II	
HEBR 405	Advanced Modern Hebrew I	
or YDSH 101	Beginning Yiddish I	
REL 205	Intensive Biblical Hebrew	
or HEBR 406	Advanced Modern Hebrew II	
or YDSH 102	Beginning Yiddish II	

One course at the 100 or 200 level from each of the following clusters in the Jewish Studies Minor: Religion, Culture, and History. List maintained by the Advisor in the Program in Jewish Culture and Society Office. 9

Three courses at the 300 level or above from any of the four clusters in the Jewish Studies Minor: Religion, Culture, History, and Language. List maintained by the Advisor in the Program in Jewish Culture and Society Office. 9

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Sample Sequence

This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a fourth level of a language other than English. See the corresponding section on the Degree and General Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

First Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
Free elective course		1 General Education Course	3
HEBR 201		5 HEBR 202	5
Language Other than English (3rd level)		4 Language Other than English (4th level)	4
General Education Course or Composition I		3 Composition I or General Education Course	4
Free elective course		3	
		16	16

Second Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
HEBR 403		5 JS 199	3
100-200 level Jewish Studies History course		3 HEBR 404	5

General Education course	3 General Education Course	3
Free elective course	4 General Education Course	3
	15	14

Third Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
HEBR 405 (or YDSH 101)		4 REL 205 (or HEBR 406 or YDSH 102)	4
100-200 level Jewish Studies Religion course		3 100-200 level Jewish Studies Culture course	3
General Education Course		3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course		3 General Education Course	3
		Free elective course	3
	13		16

Fourth Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
300-level or above Jewish Studies cluster course		3 300-level or above Jewish Studies cluster course	3
300-level or above Jewish Studies cluster course		3 General Education Course	3
General Education Course		3 General Education Course	3
Free elective course		3 Free elective course	3
Free elective course		3 Free elective course	3
	15		15

Total Hours 120

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Jewish Culture and Society website (<https://jewishculture.illinois.edu/>)

Jewish Culture & Society faculty (<https://jewishculture.illinois.edu/directory/affiliate-faculty/>)

Jewish Studies advising (<https://jewishculture.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate/jewish-studies-major/>)

Overview of Admissions & Requirements for the college of LAS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/academic-units/>)

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences website