JEWSH CULTURE AND 
SOCIETY, PROGRAM IN

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Interdisciplinary Minor in Jewish Culture and Society

The Program in Jewish Culture and Society offers an interdisciplinary minor and a concentration in Jewish Studies (through the LAS Interdisciplinary Studies Major (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/academic-units/interdisc-studies/jewish-studies-concentration)).

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One course in the cluster of Religion, chosen from a list of courses maintained by the Advisor in the Program in Jewish Culture and Society Office.

One course in the cluster of Culture, chosen from a list of courses maintained by the Advisor in the Program in Jewish Culture and Society Office.

One course in the cluster of History, chosen from a list of courses maintained by the Advisor in the Program in Jewish Culture and Society Office.

Electives within the minor. Students may choose additional courses from any of the three clusters or can choose from the following language courses:

HEBR 199 Undergraduate Open Seminar
HEBR 205 Intensive Biblical Hebrew
HEBR 403 Intermediate Modern Hebrew I
HEBR 404 Intermediate Modern Hebrew II
HEBR 405 Advanced Modern Hebrew I
HEBR 406 Advanced Modern Hebrew II
HEBR 407 Topics Hebrew Lang & Lit I
HEBR 408 Topics Hebrew Lang & Lit II
YDSH 103 Intermediate Yiddish I
YDSH 104 Intermediate Yiddish II

Total Hours 18

Of the 18 required hours, two courses (6 hours) must be 300-or 400-level courses. HEBR 403 and HEBR 404 cannot be used to satisfy this requirement.

HEBR 403 and HEBR 404 cannot be used to satisfy LAS Advanced Hours requirement (http://www.las.illinois.edu/students/requirements/minimum) or the 6 hours of 300- or 400-level courses for the Jewish Culture and Society Interdisciplinary Minor.

No more than 6 hours (two courses) may be at the 100 level.

The 18 hours selected by students for a minor in Jewish Culture and Society should form a coherent program and must be approved by the undergraduate advisor for the Program in Jewish Culture and Society.

A list of courses, regularly updated by the Program in Jewish Culture and Society, is available from the Program Office, 109 English Bldg., 608 South Wright Street, Urbana, Illinois, 61801.

JS Class Schedule (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/JS)

Courses

JS 199 Undergraduate Open Seminar credit: 1 to 5 Hours.
Faculty offer seminars in a range of areas that provide an opportunity for undergraduates to be exposed to key dimensions of Jewish Studies. May be repeated in the same or separate terms to a maximum of 10 hours.

JS 211 War & Peace in Israeli Lit credit: 3 Hours.
Same as CWL 211 and SAME 211. See CWL 211.

JS 300 Jewish Chicago credit: 3 Hours.
The history of Jewish Chicago from 1820 to the present will be taught in Chicago during Summer I. The class includes excursions all over the city as well as class time at the Newberry Library. Topics of study include immigration, Jews in the labor movement, Jewish political activism, Jewish religious practice, Jewish art, literature, and Yiddish theater. The course will contextualize our study of Jewish Chicago in terms of American history, urban history, gender history, and labor history.

JS 341 Love & Sex in Hebrew Lit credit: 3 Hours.
Same as CWL 341, RLST 340 and SAME 341. See CWL 341.

JS 399 Special Topics credit: 3 Hours.
Faculty offer special topics in their areas of expertise that provide an opportunity for undergraduates to be exposed to some of the most current developments in faculty research. May be repeated in the same or separate term to a maximum of 9 hours.

JS 454 Topics in Israeli Lit & Culture credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Same as CWL 454 and SAME 454. See CWL 454.

JS 495 Independent Study credit: 2 to 4 Hours.
Readings in selected fields in consultation with the instructor along with the completion of a specified writing assignment. 2 to 4 undergraduate hours. 2 to 4 graduate hours. May be repeated in the same term to a maximum of 4 undergraduate hours or 8 graduate hours. May be repeated in separate terms to a maximum of 8 undergraduate hours and 16 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.