**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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**Courses**

**JS 108  Religion & Society in West I  credit: 3 Hours.** (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/108)
Same as ANTH 108, PHIL 108, REL 108, and SOC 108. See REL 108. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Hist Phil

**JS 120  A History of Judaism  credit: 3 Hours.** (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/120)
Same as HIST 168 and REL 120. See REL 120. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Advanced Composition Humanities - Hist Phil

**JS 199  Undergraduate Open Seminar  credit: 1 to 5 Hours.** (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/199)
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 201  History of Antisemitism  credit: 3 Hours.** (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/201)
Studies the negative representations of Judaism and Jews from antiquity to the modern world. Topics include: Greco-Roman concepts of the Jewish religion; medieval Christian symbolization of the demonic Jew; Jews and negative attitudes to capitalism; blood purity and blood libel; the rise of racial prejudice in the modern nation state; totalitarianism and genocide; antisemitism and anti-Zionism. Same as REL 212. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Hist Phil

**JS 209  Jewish American and US Minority Literatures in Dialogue  credit: 3 Hours.** (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/209)
Using a combination of careful reading with historical contextualization we will discuss how the field of Jewish American literature emerged, and get a sense of where it might be heading. We will address topics such as what makes a literary work Jewish American other than the Jewishness of its author; in what ways the field of Jewish American literature has changed over time; and what might be the underlying trends/themes of this field of literature. Same as CWL 209 and ENGL 222. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Lit Arts

**JS 211  War & Peace in Israeli Lit  credit: 3 Hours.** (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/211)
Same as CWL 211 and SAME 211. See CWL 211.
JS 220  Jewish Storytelling  credit: 3 Hours. ([https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/220](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/220))
Same as CWL 221, ENGL 223, REL 220, and YDSH 220. See YDSH 220. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Humanities - Lit Arts
Cultural Studies - Western

JS 252  The Holocaust  credit: 3 Hours. ([https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/252](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/252))
Same as HIST 252. See HIST 252. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Humanities - Hist Phil
Cultural Studies - Western

JS 261  The Holocaust in Context  credit: 3 Hours. ([https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/261](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/261))
Same as CWL 273, ENGL 269, and GER 261. See GER 261. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Humanities - Lit Arts
Cultural Studies - Western

JS 269  Jewish History Since 1700  credit: 3 Hours. ([https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/269](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/269))
Same as HIST 269 and REL 269. See HIST 269. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Humanities - Hist Phil
Cultural Studies - Western

JS 290  Jewish Cultures of the World  credit: 3 Hours. ([https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/290](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/290))
Same as ANTH 290. See ANTH 290. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Cultural Studies - Non-West

JS 300  Jewish Chicago  credit: 3 Hours. ([https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/300](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/300))
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 320  Lit Responses to the Holocaust  credit: 3 Hours. ([https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/320](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/320))
Same as CWL 320, ENGL 359, REL 320, and YDSH 320. See YDSH 320. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:
Humanities - Lit Arts
Cultural Studies - Western

JS 335  Middle East 1566–1914  credit: 3 Hours. ([https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/335](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/335))
Same as HIST 335. See HIST 335.

JS 341  Love & Sex in Hebrew Lit  credit: 3 Hours. ([https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/341](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/341))
Same as CWL 341, REL 340 and SAME 341. See CWL 341.

JS 344  Medieval Jewish Thought  credit: 3 Hours. ([https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/344](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/344))
Same as MDVL 344 and REL 344. See REL 344.

JS 355  Soviet Jewish History  credit: 3 Hours. ([https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/355](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/355))
Same as HIST 355. See HIST 355.

JS 399  Special Topics  credit: 3 Hours. ([https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/399](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/399))
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 442  History of Early Judaism  credit: 3 Hours. ([https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/442](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/442))
Same as HIST 432 and REL 442. See REL 442.

JS 454  Topics in Israeli Lit &Culture  credit: 3 or 4 Hours. ([https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/454](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/454))
Same as CWL 454 and SAME 454. See CWL 454.

JS 495  Independent Study  credit: 2 to 4 Hours. ([https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/495](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/495))
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.

JS 496  Topics in History of Judaism  credit: 3 or 4 Hours. ([https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/496](https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/496))
Same as REL 496. See REL 496.

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