JEWISH 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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Code Title Hours
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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. 3
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. 3
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. 3
Electives within the minor. Students may choose additional courses from any of the three clusters or can choose from the following language courses: 9
- 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.

1 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 (http://www.jewishculture.illinois.edu), 109 English Bldg., 608 South Wright Street, Urbana, Illinois, 61801.

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

Courses

JS 108 Religion & Society in West I credit: 3 Hours. (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/terms/JS/108)
This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Hist Phil
Cultural Studies - Western

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
Cultural Studies - Western

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
Cultural Studies - US Minority

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.

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JS 220  Jewish Storytelling  credit: 3 Hours. (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)
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)
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)
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)
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)
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)
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)
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)
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)
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)
Same as HIST 355. See HIST 355.

JS 399  Special Topics  credit: 3 Hours. (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)
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)
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)
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)
Same as REL 496. See REL 496.

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