INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, BALAS

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

department page:
department website: https://jewishculture.illinois.edu/
department faculty: Jewish Culture & Society Faculty (https://jewishculture.illinois.edu/directory/affiliate-faculty)
overview of college admissions & requirements: Liberal Arts & Sciences (http://catalog.illinois.edu/las)
college website: https://las.illinois.edu/
email:

Students pursuing this major select one of two concentrations:

• Jewish Studies Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/interdisciplinary-studies-balas/jewish-studies)
• Medieval Studies Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/academic-units/interdisc-studies/medieval-civilization-concentration)

Requirements
Elect one of the concentrations offered within the major and file a concentration declaration with the LAS Student Academic Affairs Office no later than the end of the first semester of the junior year. Students who do not begin work on concentration requirements by the junior year will be at a disadvantage.

Select specific courses counted toward completion of a concentration with the advice and approval of the concentration advisor, subject to specific concentration requirements. Students are strongly encouraged also to enroll in 6-7 hours of Western civilization (HIST 140 or HIST 141 and HIST 142 or HIST 143, or CWL 241 and CWL 242).

For the elected concentration, complete the stated minimum number of hours in courses applicable toward the major and in accord with the distribution requirements listed below; at least 25 hours must be at the 200, 300 or 400 level.

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.