

# PROGRAM IN JEWISH STUDIES

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The interdisciplinary Program in Jewish Studies investigates all aspects of Jewish life in history, literature, language, and culture from biblical times to the present. Courses are offered on the undergraduate and graduate levels in a program complemented by a full range of guest lectures, conferences, and symposia. The program annually sponsors the Donald and Robin Kennedy Undergraduate Award for the best undergraduate essay on any theme in Jewish studies, and it coordinates the annual Dorot Travel Grants for summer study in Israel.

Graduate students enroll in the program through the departments of English, History, or Religious Studies and must meet the requirements of those departments.

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

### INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED MAJOR

The Individually Designed Major in Jewish Studies permits interested students to focus their attention on the broad field of Jewish Studies and, at the same time, to expand their knowledge of one or another related fields.

Each major should complete at least 60 units, all in courses at or above the 100 level (or their equivalent). A maximum of 15 of these 60 units may be taken on a credit/no credit basis. A maximum of 5 of these 60 units may be taken in individual study or directed reading. Students must present evidence that demonstrates their ability to do independent work and have at least three full quarters of undergraduate work remaining at Stanford after the date on which the proposal is approved by the committee. Each major must obtain sponsorship from three faculty members, one of whom is the student's primary adviser, and from the Director of the Program in Jewish Studies. Details about the written procedures and documents necessary for application for an Individually Designed Major can be obtained at the Undergraduate Advising Center, Sweet Hall, first floor (650) 723-2426.

### REQUIREMENTS

The faculty members in Jewish Studies have designed the following structure for the major:

Category	Units
<b>History and Society:</b> students must take one course in each of the three periods—biblical and ancient, medieval and modern, and contemporary	15
<b>Religion:</b> biblical, rabbinic, medieval, modern	15
<b>Literature:</b> Hebrew, Holocaust, American Jewish	10
<b>Hebrew Language</b> (second year or beyond): Students who demonstrate by examination that they have completed the equivalent of at least two years of university-level Modern Hebrew may apply the 12 units required in this category to more work in one or the other categories required by the major, with the approval of their primary adviser.	12
<b>Ancillary Courses:</b> ancient history, medieval history, modern European history, history of philosophy, Islam, Christianity	8-10
Total number of units required	60-62

Students planning an Individually Designed Major in Jewish Studies are also strongly urged to write an honors thesis. Students interested in majoring in Jewish Studies should discuss this with their adviser(s) when discussing the major itself. Up to 10 honors thesis units may be included in the major.

No course proposed for the major may be counted as fulfilling more than one required category in the proposed major. Transfer credits from other universities must be approved by the appropriate Stanford authorities.

## MINORS

The Jewish Studies minor is open to students in any department who wish to enrich their studies through an acquisition of knowledge in Jewish history, thought, religion, literature, and society. Students must complete their declaration of the minor no later than the last day of the quarter *four* quarters before degree conferral. For example, a student graduating in June (Spring Quarter) must declare the minor no later than the last day of Spring Quarter of the junior year.

Students must complete six courses for a maximum of 36 units toward the minor. All courses of study should be discussed and approved by a Jewish Studies faculty member in the departments of English, History, or Religious Studies, and by the program director. In addition to suggested introductory courses, students are also encouraged to take courses in Hebrew language as part of their Jewish studies minor, and are granted credit toward the minor for up to 5 units of language study. Any variations on the minor requirements must be approved in advance by the Director of the Program in Jewish Studies.

Courses credited toward the minor must be distributed in the following ways: (1) three introductory courses at the 100 level or below in the fields of history, religious studies, literature, or Hebrew language (for a maximum of 5 units) or one of the designated introductory-level courses offered through the Program in Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity; (2) two courses at the 100 level or above from two of three areas of concentration (history, religious studies, or literature); and (3) one seminar or undergraduate colloquium at the 200 level or above in one area of concentration (history, religious studies, or literature.) No course credited toward the Jewish Studies minor may be double counted toward major requirements.

## HONORS PROGRAM

The Jewish Studies honors program fosters a sustained examination of the field of Jewish studies for students majoring in any discipline, and it extends its concerns across broad interdisciplinary terrain, with implications beyond the humanities in areas such as psychology, law, business, international relations, medicine, etc. Students may apply for entry, at the latest, by the Autumn Quarter of their junior year, and must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 'B' or higher.

Each student is required to take a lower-division 5-unit "Jewish Civilization" survey (History 88/Religious Studies 29) co-taught by a cross-section of the faculty in Jewish Studies from the departments of English, History, and Religious Studies, with the cooperation of faculty in American Studies, Feminist Studies, and Slavic Languages and Literatures. This course is designed to provide honors students and others with a broad grasp of the variety and conflicting approaches to Jewish studies. Students may substitute another course with the approval of the program. In addition, students are required to take two 5-unit courses chosen from offerings in English, History, or Religious Studies. Students are urged to take at least one course in Jewish history from the survey offered in the Department of History (188A,B,C). Jewish studies honors students are required to write an honors thesis during Autumn and Winter quarters of the senior year. Honors seminar supervision is provided by relevant faculty in Jewish Studies. Thesis proposals are submitted to the Faculty Advisory Committee at least one year prior to the intended date of graduation.

## COURSES

### ENGLISH

#### 161D. Jewish-American Literature

5 units, Win (Felstiner)

### FEMINIST STUDIES

#### 139. Rereading Judaism in Light of Feminism

4-5 units, Spr (Karlin-Neumann)

## GERMAN STUDIES

**121A/221A. Modernism and the Jewish Voice**—(Same as Slavic Languages 221.)

3-4 units, Spr (Safran, Eshel)

## HISTORY

**8S. Sources and Methods Seminar: Jerusalem—Sacred City and Cultural Crossroad (c. 70-1099 C.E.)**

5 units, Win (Whalen)

**84S. Sources and Methods Seminar: Between Communism and National Identity—The Jews in the Soviet Union Since 1917**

5 units, Spr (Bemporad)

**85S. Sources and Methods Seminar: Jews and Muslims**

5 units, Spr (Rodrigue)

**137. The Holocaust**

5 units, Win (Rodrigue)

**187. Palestine, Zionism, and the Arab-Israeli Conflict**

5 units, Aut (Blecher)

**188C. Jews in the Modern World**

5 units, Aut (Zipperstein)

**289C. Undergraduate Colloquium: Problems in the History of Zionism and the State of Israel**

5 units, Win (Mancall)

**384A. Graduate Core Colloquium in Jewish History, 17th-19th Centuries**

4-5 units, Aut (Rodrigue)

**485A. Graduate Research Seminar in Modern Jewish History**

4-5 units, Win (Zipperstein)

**488. Graduate Seminar: Research Methods in Jewish Studies**—(Same as Religious Studies 488.)

4-5 units, Win (Z. Baker)

## JEWISH STUDIES

**228/328. Translation and Emergence of New Jewish Literature**—The role of translation and rewriting in new Ladino literature genre formation. Overview of similar developments in Yiddish and other European literatures. Translation theories. Ladino texts in English translation.

5 units, Spr (Borovaia)

**235/335. Research Methods in the Study of Polish, Russian, and Soviet Jewish History**—Original source documents can break the stereotypical point of view about aspects of Polish, Russian, and Soviet Jewish history. The different kinds of source documents. The characteristics of each kind of document. Methods for locating, obtaining, and working with different kinds of sources. The meaning and value of these disparate research sources.

5 units, Spr (Khiterer)

## LANGUAGE CENTER

**126/226. Reflections on the “Other”: The Jew in Arabic Literature, The Arab in Hebrew Literature**

4 units, Spr (Barhoum, Shemtov)

**128A,B,C. Beginning Hebrew**

4 units, Aut, Win, Spr (Shemtov)

**129A,B,C. Intermediate Hebrew**

4 units, Aut, Win, Spr (Shemtov)

**130A,B,C. Advanced Hebrew**

4 units, Aut, Win, Spr (Shemtov)

**131. Hebrew Forum**

2 units, Aut (Shemtov)

**132/232. Reading Hebrew Literature: An Introduction**

2-4 units, Win (Shemtov)

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES

**23. Introduction to Judaism**

4 units, Aut (Eisen)

**123/333. Jewish Law and Religion: Between Tradition and Innovation**

4 units, Win (Fonrobert)

**161. Modern Jewish Thought: Zionism and the State of Israel**

5 units, Spr (Eisen)

**196E. Text and Interpretation: The Bible**—(Same as Interdisciplinary Studies in the Humanities 196E.)

5 units, Win (Eisen)

**240A. Jewish and Christian Rome (1st-6th Centuries)**

4 units, Win (Fonrobert, Gregg)

**265. Judaism and Body**

4 units, Aut (Fonrobert)

**270. Science and Religion**

4 units, Spr (Bergman, Eisen)

## SLAVIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

**221. Modernism and the Jewish Voice**—(Same as German Studies 121A/221A.)

3-4 units, Spr (Safran, Eshel)

## PROGRAM IN COMPARATIVE STUDIES IN RACE AND ETHNICITY

The following course is designated for the Jewish Studies minor under the Program in Comparative Study in Race and Ethnicity:

## HISTORY

**65. Introduction to Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity**

5 units, Spr (Fredrickson)

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