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The Taube Center for Jewish Studies investigates all aspects of Jewish life in history, religion, literature, language, education 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 Center annually sponsors the Donald and Robin Kennedy Undergraduate Award for the best undergraduate essay on any theme in Jewish Studies, the Dr. Bernard Kaufman Undergraduate Research Award in Jewish Studies to an undergraduate engaged in research on Jews in modernity, 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, Comparative Literature, or Religious Studies, or the School of Education, 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 75 units, all in courses at or above the 100 level (or their equivalent). A maximum of 15 of these 75 units may be taken on a credit/no credit basis. A maximum of 5 of these 75 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 one of the Directors of the Taube Center for Jewish Studies. Details about the written procedures and documents necessary for application for an individually designed major can be obtained at Undergraduate Advising and Research, Sweet Hall, first floor, (650) 723-2426.

REQUIREMENTS

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

<i>Category</i>	<i>Units</i>
History and Society: Students must take one course in each of the three periods: biblical and ancient, medieval and modern, and contemporary	20
Religion: Biblical, rabbinic, medieval, modern	20
Literature: Hebrew, Holocaust, American Jewish, Yiddish, German Jewish, Russian Jewish	15

Hebrew Language (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

Ancillary Courses:

Ancient history, medieval history, modern European history, history of philosophy, Islam, Christianity

8-10

Total number of units required..... 75-77

Students planning an Individually Designed Major in Jewish Studies are also 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 acquiring 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 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. Courses of study should be discussed and approved by a Jewish Studies faculty member in the departments of English, History, or Religious Studies, or the Division of Literatures, Cultures, and Languages and by the center directors. 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 one of the directors of the center.

Courses credited toward the minor must be distributed as follows:

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 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).
 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.

COURSES

JEWISH LANGUAGE COURSES

Modern Hebrew, Biblical Hebrew and Yiddish language courses are offered by the Language Center. For descriptions, course numbers and additional information, see the African, Jewish, and Middle Eastern language offerings in the "Language Center" section of this bulletin.

COGNATE COURSES

See respective department listings for course descriptions and General Education Requirements (GER) information. See degree requirements above or the program's student services office for applicability of these courses to a major or minor program.

AMELANG 170A. Biblical Hebrew
2-4 units, Aut (Wang, T; Porat, G)

AMELANG 171. The Bible in Modern Hebrew Literature
3-4 units, Spr (Shemtov, V)

AMELANG 173. Politics and Poetics in Israeli Literature
4-5 units, Win (Shemtov, V)

AMELANG 174. East West East in Israeli Literature: The Novels of Yoel Hoffman
2-4 units, Aut (Albeck-Gidron, R)

COMPLIT 243. Literature and History in the Israeli Novel
3-5 units, Spr (Eshel, A)

DRAMA 156M/256M. Israeli Film and Theater, 1948-2006
5 units, Aut (Arad, M)

ENGLISH 140A. Imagining the Holocaust
5 units, Spr (Felstiner, J)

FEMST 139. Rereading Judaism in Light of Feminism
4-5 units, Spr (Karlin-Neumann, P)

GERLIT 290. Present Pasts: History and Memory in Culture and Politics—(Same as INTNLREL 106.)
5 units, Win (Eshel, A)

GERGEN 104Q. Resistance Writings in Nazi Germany
3 units, Aut (Bernhardt, E)

HISTORY 86S. The Jews of Islam in Modern Times
5 units, Aut (Danon, D)

HISTORY 137. The Holocaust
5 units, Win (Staff)

HISTORY 185B. Jews in the Modern World
5 units, Spr (Zipperstein, S)

HISTORY 229/329. Poles and Jews
5 units, Win (Jolluck, K)

HISTORY 277F/377F. Marranos, Conversos, and Crypto-Jews in Latin America, 16th-20th Centuries
5 units, Win (Staff)

HISTORY 285E/385E. Tradition in Crisis: Orthodox Judaism in Modern Times
5 units, Aut (Staff)

HISTORY 287E/387E. The Transformation of Central European Jewry: Germany and Austria-Hungary, 1700-1880
5 units, Aut (Staff)

HISTORY 385A. Core in Jewish History, 17th-19th Centuries
4-5 units, Aut (Rodrigue, A)

HISTORY 385B. Core in Jewish History, 20th Century
4-5 units, Win (Zipperstein, S)

HISTORY 486A. Graduate Research Seminar in Jewish History
4-5 units, Spr (Zipperstein, S)

INTNLREL 106. Present Pasts: History and Memory in Culture and Politics—(Same as GERLIT 290.)
5 units, Win (Eshel, A)

RELIGST 4N. The Creation of Woman
3 units, Aut (Fonrobert, C)

RELIGST 112. Handmaids and Harlots: Biblical Women in Jewish and Christian Traditions
4 units, Aut (Leveen, A; Pitkin, B)

RELIGST 185. Prophetic Voices of Social Critique
4 units, Spr (Leveen, A)

RELIGST 221/321. The Talmud
4 units, Win (Fonrobert, C)

RELIGST 263. Judaism and the Body
4 units, Aut (Fonrobert, C)

RELIGST 264. Hasidism and Modernity
4 units, Win (Deutsch, N)

RELIGST 282. King David in the Bible and Beyond
4 units, Aut (Leveen, A)

SLAVGEN 122/222. Yiddish Story
5 units, Aut (Safran, G)