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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. The application deadline for IDM proposals is the fifth week of Spring Quarter of the sophomore year. Applications are reviewed only once a year. Details about the written procedures and documents necessary for application for an individually designed major in Jewish Studies can be obtained at the Taube Center for Jewish Studies, Bldg. 360, Main Quad, (650) 725-2789.

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 another category, 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 declaring an Individually Designed Major 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 LANGUAGES 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 126. Reflection on the Other: The Jew in Arabic Literature, the Arab in Hebrew Literature

4 units, Aut (Barhoum, K; Shemtov, V)

COMPLIT 218. Sholem Aleichem and Jewish Minority Discourse

5 units, Win (Staff)

COMPLIT 247. The Modern Jewish Literary Complex

5 units, Win (Staff)

DRAMA 155T/255T. Drama of the Holocaust

5 units, Spr (Staff)

ENGLISH 140A. Creative Resistance and the Holocaust

5 units, Win (Felstiner, J)

ENGLISH 201. The Bible and Literature

5 units, Spr (Parker, P)

GERGEN 104N. Resistance Writings in Nazi Germany

3 units, Aut (Bernhardt, E)

GERLIT 132. Insights and Outlooks: Confronting the Nazi Past through Literature

4 units, Aut (Tempel, S)

HISTORY 137/337. The Holocaust

4-5 units, Spr (Felstiner, M)

HISTORY 185G/385G. Coexistence and Conflict: Jews in Premodern Christian and Muslim Lands

4-5 units, Aut (Staff)

HISTORY 229/329. Poles and Jews

4-5 units, Win (Jolluck, K)

HISTORY 286/386. Jews among Muslims

4-5 units, Win (Rodrigue, A)

HISTORY 287A/387A. History of the Israeli-Arab Land Conflict

4-5 units, Spr (Staff)

HISTORY 486A. Graduate Research Seminar in Jewish History

4-5 units, Spr (Rodrigue, A)

HISTORY 486B. Graduate Research Seminar in Jewish History

4-5 units, Sum (Staff)

RELIGST 5N. Three Sacred Stories of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

3-4 units, Aut (Gregg, R)

RELIGST 23. Introduction to Judaism

4 units, Aut (Radwin, A)

RELIGST 54. The Roots of Right and Wrong in Christianity, Judaism, and Islam

4 units, Win (Sadeghi, B)

RELIGST 57. Millennium, Messiahs, and Mayhem

4 units, Aut (Levinsky, D)

RELIGST 129. Modern Jewish Thought

4 units, Spr (Lerner, A)

RELIGST 237. Jewish and Christian Rome, 1st to 6th Centuries

3-5 units, Win (Gregg, R; Fonrobert, C)

RELIGST 321. The Talmud

4 units, Spr (Fonrobert, C)

RELIGST 226/326. Philosophy and Kabbalah in Jewish Society: Middle Ages and Early Modern Period

5 units, Win (Malkiel, D)

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