Judaic Studies (JDS)

Minor in Judaic Studies
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The minor in Judaic Studies offers students an opportunity to acquire background in Hebrew and to study selected areas of Jewish history, culture, or religion. With the approval of an advisor from the Judaic Studies program faculty, the student must construct a program of at least 21 credits fulfilling the requirements listed below. The advisor helps to assure that the student’s program has a curricular focus; courses from other departments suiting that focus may be included.

Courses Offered in Judaic Studies
See the Course Descriptions listing in this Bulletin for complete information.

- JDH 230-G Judaism
- JDH 261-B The Bible as Literature
- JDH 320-G The Rabbinic Tradition
- JDH 361-G Women in the Biblical World
- JDH 369-G Topics in Biblical Interpretation
- JDH 390-G Humanities Topics in Judaic Studies
- JDH 415-G Judaic Response to Catastrophe
- JDH 447 Readings in Judaic Studies
- JDS 225-J The Formation of the Judaic Heritage
- JDS 226-F The Shaping of Modern Judaism
- JDS 241-I The Holocaust: The Destruction of European Jewry—Causes and Consequences
- JDS 327-F Women in Judaism
- JDH/RLS 356-I Zionism
- JDS 390-F Social Sciences Topics in Judaic Studies
- JDS 447 Readings in Judaic Studies

Courses Offered in Hebrew Language
See the Course Descriptions listing in this Bulletin for complete information.

- HBW 111, 112 Elementary Hebrew I, II
- HBW 211, 212 Intermediate Hebrew I, II
- HBW 311, 312 Advanced Hebrew I, II
- HBW 405 Studies in Hebrew Literature
- HBW 415 The History of the Hebrew Language
- HBW 447 Directed Readings in Hebrew
- HBW 475, 476 Undergraduate Teaching Practica I, II

Requirements for the Minor in Judaic Studies (JDS)
No more than one course offered for the minor may be taken under the Pass/No Credit option. All other courses for the minor must be taken for a letter grade.

Students interested in enrolling in the minor must consult with the coordinator of the minor in Judaic Studies and select an advisor from the Judaic Studies program faculty.

Completion of the minor requires at least 21 credits.

1. One year of Hebrew at a level appropriate to the student’s previous background
2. Two of the following:
   - JDH/RLS 230 Judaism
   - JDS/RLS 225 The Formation of the Judaic Heritage
   - JDS/RLS 226 The Shaping of Modern Judaism
3. Three courses numbered 300 or higher approved in advance by the minor advisor.

Requirement 3 may be satisfied by courses in the Judaic Studies program itself or by related courses in other programs, if the subject is judged appropriate for the student’s field of concentration. The following list of courses from other departments is meant to be representative and does not exclude the possibility of substituting others with the approval of the student’s advisor.

- ANT 402 Problems in Archaeology
- RLS 301 Sources and Methods
- RLS 402 Contemporary Theologies
- RLS 450 Philosophical Theology
- Appropriate topics from any directed readings course and from the following:
  - ANT 310 Ethnography
  - EGL 375 Literature in English in Relation to Other Disciplines
  - RLS 390 Special Topics