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/HIS 225 The Formation of the Judaic Heritage
JDS/HIS 226 The Shaping of Modern Judaism
JDS 241-I The Holocaust: The Destruction of European Jewry—Causes and Consequences
JDS 327-F Women in Judaism

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/HIS 225 The Formation of the Judaic Heritage
   JDS/HIS 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