

# JEWISH STUDIES, B.A.

## REQUIREMENTS

### UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students at the University of Wisconsin–Madison are required to fulfill a minimum set of common university general education requirements to ensure that every graduate acquires the essential core of an undergraduate education. This core establishes a foundation for living a productive life, being a citizen of the world, appreciating aesthetic values, and engaging in lifelong learning in a continually changing world. Various schools and colleges will have requirements in addition to the requirements listed below. Consult your advisor for assistance, as needed. For additional information, see the university Undergraduate General Education Requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/#requirementsforundergraduatestudytext>) section of the *Guide*.

General Education	• Breadth–Humanities/Literature/Arts: 6 credits
	• Breadth–Natural Science: 4 to 6 credits, consisting of one 4- or 5-credit course with a laboratory component; or two courses providing a total of 6 credits
	• Breadth–Social Studies: 3 credits
	• Communication Part A & Part B *
	• Ethnic Studies *
	• Quantitative Reasoning Part A & Part B *

\* The mortarboard symbol appears before the title of any course that fulfills one of the Communication Part A or Part B, Ethnic Studies, or Quantitative Reasoning Part A or Part B requirements.

### COLLEGE OF LETTERS & SCIENCE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.)

Students pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in the College of Letters & Science must complete all of the requirements below. The College of Letters & Science allows this major to be paired with either a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science curriculum.

### BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

**Mathematics** Complete the University General Education Requirements for Quantitative Reasoning A (QR-A) and Quantitative Reasoning B (QR-B) coursework.

Foreign Language	• Complete the fourth unit of a foreign language; OR
	• Complete the third unit of a foreign language and the second unit of an additional foreign language.

- L&S Breadth**
- 12 credits of Humanities, which must include 6 credits of literature; and
  - 12 credits of Social Science; and
  - 12 credits of Natural Science, which must include one 3+ credit Biological Science course and one 3+ credit Physical Science course.

Liberal Arts and Science Coursework	Complete at least 108 credits.
Depth of Intermediate/Advanced work	Complete at least 60 credits at the intermediate or advanced level.
Major	Declare and complete at least one major.
Total Credits	Complete at least 120 credits.
UW-Madison Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 credits in residence, overall; and</li> <li>• 30 credits in residence after the 86th credit.</li> </ul>
Quality of Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.000 in all coursework at UW–Madison</li> <li>• 2.000 in Intermediate/Advanced level coursework at UW–Madison</li> </ul>

### NON-L&S STUDENTS PURSUING AN L&S MAJOR

Non-L&S students who have permission from their school/college to pursue an additional major within L&S only need to fulfill the major requirements. They do not need to complete the L&S Degree Requirements above.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

The Jewish Studies major requires 10 courses, totaling at least 29 credits, in 5 areas: 1) one Gateway Course; 2) two courses in Literature, Philosophy, and the Arts; 3) two courses in History and Social Science; 4) four courses in Modern Hebrew; and 5) the Core Seminar. Each course may count toward only one required area.

### GATEWAY COURSE

Complete one Gateway Course.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Gateway Course (complete one):</b>		
JEWISH/ LEGAL ST/ RELIG ST 203	Jewish Law, Business, and Ethics	
JEWISH/ RELIG ST 211	Introduction to Judaism	

### LITERATURE, PHILOSOPHY, AND THE ARTS

Complete two courses in Literature, Philosophy, and the Arts, at least one of which must fulfill the Jewish Diaspora requirement,

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Jewish Diaspora (complete at least one course):</b>		
JEWISH/ GERMAN/ LITTRANS 269	Yiddish Literature and Culture in Europe	

JEWISH/ RELIG ST 278	Food in Rabbinic Judaism
JEWISH/ GERMAN/ LITTRANS 279	Yiddish Literature and Culture in America
JEWISH/ LITTRANS 318	Modern Jewish Literature
JEWISH/ RELIG ST 340	The American Jewish Life of DNA
JEWISH/ ENGL 370	Jewish Humor
JEWISH/PHILOS/ RELIG ST 435	Jewish Philosophy from Antiquity to the Seventeenth Century
JEWISH/ GERMAN 510	German-Jewish Culture Since the 18th Century
JEWISH/ ENGL 539	Jewish Literatures in Diaspora
JEWISH/ ENGL 593	Literature of Jewish Identity in America
<b>Complete any additional Diaspora course from the list above, or any of the following:</b>	
JEWISH/ CLASSICS/ LITTRANS/ RELIG ST 227	Introduction to Biblical Literature (in English)
JEWISH 230	Elementary Topics in Jewish Literature
JEWISH 232	Elementary Topics in Jewish Philosophy and the Arts
JEWISH 236	Bascom Course
JEWISH/HEBR- MOD 301	Introduction to Hebrew Literature
JEWISH/HEBR- MOD 302	Introduction to Hebrew Literature
JEWISH/ LITTRANS/ RELIG ST 328	Classical Rabbinic Literature in Translation
JEWISH/ CLASSICS/ HEBR-BIB/ LITTRANS/ RELIG ST 332	Prophets of the Bible
JEWISH/ CLASSICS/ RELIG ST 335	King David in History and Tradition
JEWISH/ CLASSICS/ RELIG ST 346	Jewish Literature of the Greco-Roman Period
JEWISH 356	Jerusalem, Holy City of Conflict and Desire
JEWISH/ LITTRANS 367	Israeli Fiction in Translation
JEWISH/HEBR- MOD 401	Topics in Modern Hebrew / Israeli Literature and Culture I
JEWISH/HEBR- MOD 402	Topics in Modern Hebrew / Israeli Literature and Culture II

JEWISH 430	Intermediate Topics in Jewish Literature
JEWISH 432	Intermediate Topics in Jewish Philosophy and the Arts
JEWISH/ PHILOS 442	Moral Philosophy and the Holocaust
JEWISH/HEBR- BIB 513	Biblical Texts, Poetry
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JEWISH 630	Advanced Topics in Jewish Literature
JEWISH 632	Advanced Topics in Jewish Philosophy and the Arts

## HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

Complete two courses in History and Social Science, at least one of which must fulfill the Jews in America requirement.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Jews in America (complete at least one course):</b>		
JEWISH/ HISTORY 213	Jews and American Pop. Culture	
JEWISH/ HISTORY 219	The American Jewish Experience: From Shtetl to Suburb	
JEWISH/ RELIG ST 340	The American Jewish Life of DNA	

**Complete any additional Jews in America course from the list above, or any of the following:**

JEWISH/ HISTORY 220	Introduction to Modern Jewish History
JEWISH 231	Elementary Topics in Jewish History
JEWISH 233	Elementary Topics in Jewish Studies: Social Sciences
JEWISH/ CLASSICS 241	Introduction to Biblical Archaeology
JEWISH/ RELIG ST 278	Food in Rabbinic Judaism
JEWISH/ HISTORY 310	The Holocaust
JEWISH/ILS/ SOC 423	Modern Jewish Thought
JEWISH 431	Intermediate Topics in Jewish History
JEWISH 433	Intermediate Topics in Jewish Studies: Social Sciences
JEWISH/ CLASSICS 451	Biblical Archaeology
JEWISH/ HISTORY 518	Anti-Semitism in European Culture, 1700-1945
JEWISH 631	Advanced Topics in Jewish History

## MODERN HEBREW

Complete four courses in Modern Hebrew at appropriate level.

Code	Title	Credits
HEBR-MOD 101	First Semester Hebrew	
HEBR-MOD 102	Second Semester Hebrew	
HEBR-MOD 201	Third Semester Hebrew	
HEBR-MOD 202	Fourth Semester Hebrew	
HEBR-MOD/ JEWISH 301	Introduction to Hebrew Literature	
HEBR-MOD/ JEWISH 302	Introduction to Hebrew Literature	
HEBR-MOD/ JEWISH 401	Topics in Modern Hebrew / Israeli Literature and Culture I	
HEBR-MOD/ JEWISH 402	Topics in Modern Hebrew / Israeli Literature and Culture II	

## CORE SEMINAR

Complete the Core Seminar.

Code	Title	Credits
JEWISH 350	What Is Jewish Studies?	

## NOTE ON DIRECTED STUDY

With prior consent of the undergraduate advisor in Jewish studies and the relevant instructor, students may use one Directed Study course (JEWISH 699) to satisfy a requirement for the major.

## RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- 2.000 GPA in all JEWISH courses and all courses accepted in the major
- 2.000 GPA on 15 upper-level major credits, taken in residence. Upper-level work includes all Intermediate or Advanced level courses in the Jewish Studies major.
- 15 credits in JEWISH, taken on campus

## HONORS IN THE MAJOR

Students may declare Honors in the Major in consultation with the Jewish Studies undergraduate advisor.

## HONORS IN THE JEWISH STUDIES MAJOR: REQUIREMENTS

To earn Honors in the Major students must satisfy both the requirements for the major and the following additional requirements:

- Earn a 3.300 University GPA
- Earn a 3.500 GPA for all JEWISH courses, and all courses accepted in the major
- Complete at least two courses, taken for Honors, in the major, with grades of B or better in each
- Complete a two-semester Senior Honors Thesis, a piece of original research composition, in JEWISH 681 and JEWISH 682, for a total of 6 credits.

## UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

**Total Degree** To receive a bachelor's degree from UW–Madison, students must earn a minimum of 120 degree credits. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 degree credits. Students should consult with their college or department advisor for information on specific credit requirements.

**Residency** Degree candidates are required to earn a minimum of 30 credits in residence at UW–Madison. "In residence" means on the UW–Madison campus with an undergraduate degree classification. "In residence" credit also includes UW–Madison courses offered in distance or online formats and credits earned in UW–Madison Study Abroad/Study Away programs.

**Quality of Work** Undergraduate students must maintain the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, or academic program to remain in good academic standing. Students whose academic performance drops below these minimum thresholds will be placed on academic probation.