

JEWISH STUDIES, BS

From history to political science, sociology to music and the arts, Jewish Studies is a vibrant, interdisciplinary program that allows you to explore Jewish civilization from a variety of perspectives. We encourage all students to consider a Jewish Studies major (<https://cjs.wisc.edu/major-in-jewish-studies/>) or certificate (<https://cjs.wisc.edu/certificate-in-jewish-studies/>), regardless of your background or previous study.

As a student in Jewish Studies, you will study the intellectual and cultural values of Jews, their religious beliefs and practices, languages, literary creativity, and participation in the larger societies in which they live. You will sharpen your ability to think critically, read closely, and write effectively. And while learning how Jews have lived, survived, and sometimes flourished, you will gain a deeper comprehension of their rich, varied culture and the world they inhabit.

Since Jewish Studies is an interdisciplinary field, many students simultaneously pursue additional majors or certificates including Art (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/art/art-bs/>), Education (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/educational-policy-studies/education-studies-bs/>), Geography (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/geography/geography-ba/>), History (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/history/history-ba/>), Music (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/music/music-ba/>), Political Science (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/political-science/political-science-ba/>), Religious Studies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/religious-studies/religious-studies-ba/>), and Sociology (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/sociology/sociology-ba/>). Given the broad history and geography of the Jewish experience, Jewish Studies also pairs well with programs like African Studies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/institute-regional-international-studies/african-studies-certificate/>); Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/classics-ancient-near-eastern-studies/>); European Studies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/institute-regional-international-studies/european-studies-certificate/>); German, Nordic, and Slavic (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/german-nordic-slavic/>); and Middle East Studies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/letters-science/institute-regional-international-studies/middle-east-studies-certificate/>). To sample the variety of Jewish Studies offerings, check out our current courses (<https://guide.wisc.edu/courses/jewish/>).