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 majors or certificates in other departments, including Art, Education, Geography, History, Music, Political Science, Religious Studies, and Sociology. Given the broad history and geography of the Jewish experience, Jewish Studies also pairs well with programs like African Studies, Classical and Near Eastern Studies, European Studies, German/Nordic/Slavic Studies, and Middle Eastern Studies. For the same reason, many of Jewish Studies courses fulfill General Education requirements, including Humanities and Literature, Ethnic Studies, Foreign Language, and Communications Part B. To get a sense of the variety of our offerings, check out our current and recent courses (https://cjs.wisc.edu/courses/).

Building on a strong foundation in the humanities and social sciences, you may go on to pursue a variety of career paths, such as education, library and information sciences, finance and international trade, journalism and mass media, social work, and the nonprofit sector. Our graduates are also well prepared to apply for law school, graduate school, or rabbinical studies.

Questions? Contact undergraduate advisor Gwen Walker: undergrad-adviser@cjs.wisc.edu.

**HOW TO GET IN**

Students interested in a certificate in Jewish Studies should make an appointment with the undergraduate advisor (undergrad-adviser@cjs.wisc.edu) to discuss requirements and courses.

**LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT**

Complete two courses in one of the following approved Jewish languages at the appropriate level.

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| 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 | |

| Yiddish (Select 2 courses) | | |
| JEWISH/GNS 105 | First Semester Yiddish | |
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**LITERATURE, PHILOSOPHY, OR THE ARTS**

Complete one course in Literature, Philosophy, or the Arts.

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JEWISH/ LITTRANS 318  Modern Jewish Literature
JEWISH/ RELIG ST 322  The Sabbath
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/ RELIG ST 340  The American Jewish Life of DNA
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/ ENGL 370  Jewish Humor
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
JEWISH/HEBR-BIB 514  Biblical Texts, Poetry
JEWISH/ ENGL 539  Jewish Literatures in Diaspora
JEWISH/ ENGL 593  Literature of Jewish Identity in America
JEWISH/PHILOS/ RELIG ST 435  Jewish Philosophy from Antiquity to the Seventeenth Century

JEWISH/ GERMAN 510  German–Jewish Culture Since the 18th Century
JEWISH 630  Advanced Topics in Jewish Literature
JEWISH 632  Advanced Topics in Jewish Philosophy and the Arts
JEWISH 699  Directed Study

**HISTORY OR SOCIAL SCIENCE**
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**PRE-MODERN JEWISH HISTORY, CULTURE, OR LITERATURE**
Complete one course in Pre-Modern Jewish History, Culture, or Literature.
LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. At least two semesters of reading, understanding and conversing in Hebrew or another approved Jewish language.
2. Honed critical abilities in close reading, interpretation, and written analysis of ancient and modern Jewish texts.
3. Expanded knowledge of Jewish history, culture, philosophy, arts, religious practice, and politics in both the past and present.
4. Disposition of increased appreciation for diverse world views, value systems and interactions between Jews and non-Jews, minorities and majorities, in Wisconsin, the US, and across the globe.

ADVISING AND CAREERS

Jewish studies can prepare one for a variety of career paths. Graduates in Jewish studies have followed a variety of different career paths, including law, medicine, education, finance, social work, and the nonprofit sector. Jewish studies students are also well prepared to apply for graduate studies in fields such as law, education, business, and social work, as well as prime candidates for rabbinical or cantorial school, theological studies, and advanced levels of Jewish studies.

The Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies encourages students to begin working on their career exploration and preparation soon after arriving on campus. We partner with SuccessWorks at the College of Letters & Science. L&S graduates are in high demand by employers and graduate programs. It is important to us that our students are career ready at the time of graduation, and we are committed to your success.

L&S CAREER RESOURCES

Every L&S major opens a world of possibilities. SuccessWorks (https://successworks.wisc.edu/) at the College of Letters & Science helps students turn the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and other coursework into fulfilling lives after graduation, whether that means jobs, public service, graduate school or other career pursuits.

In addition to providing basic support like resume reviews and interview practice, SuccessWorks offers ways to explore interests and build career skills from their very first semester/term at UW all the way through graduation and beyond.

Students can explore careers in one-on-one advising, try out different career paths, complete internships, prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications, and connect with supportive alumni and even employers in the fields that inspire them.

- SuccessWorks (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/)
- Set up a career advising appointment (https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/)
- Enroll in a Career Course (https://successworks.wisc.edu/career-courses/) — a great idea for first- and second-year students:
  - INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit)
  - INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Comm B General Education Requirement)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/)
- INTER-LS 260 Internship in the Liberal Arts and Sciences
• Activate your Handshake account (https://successworks.wisc.edu/handshake/) to apply for jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers recruiting UW-Madison students
• Learn about the impact SuccessWorks has on students’ lives (https://successworks.wisc.edu/about/mission/)

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