JEWSH STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

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/](https://cjs.wisc.edu/major-in-jewish-studies/)) or certificate ([https://cjs.wisc.edu/certificate-in-jewish-studies/](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/](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.

REQUIREMENTS

The certificate in Jewish studies aims to acquaint students with a number of significant aspects of Jewish civilization and to introduce them to some of the tools required for its study. In addition to a two-semester language requirement, students must complete coursework in literature, philosophy, and the arts; history and social sciences; and the pre-modern area. The certificate complements a major in any subject in the College of Letters & Science. It also strengthens the applications of those students who intend to pursue careers or graduate study in a field related to Jewish studies.

REQUIREMENTS

Certificate students must take 21 credits in seven courses, distributed as follows:

SELECT TWO SEMESTERS OF HEBREW LANGUAGE

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Students must select two courses from either Biblical Hebrew, Modern Hebrew or Hebrew Texts. Students with a prior knowledge of the language are required to take one year of instruction at the appropriate level. Students whose prior knowledge is equivalent to four semesters or more of Hebrew language instruction are required to take two courses in Hebrew texts. The Center for Jewish Studies, 4223 Mosse Humanities Building, administers placement examinations.

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SELECT ONE COURSE IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING THREE CLUSTERS:

**CLUSTER ONE: LITERATURE, PHILOSOPHY AND THE ARTS**

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JEWISH/LITTRANS/ RELIG ST 328

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JEWISH/ RELIG ST 448

Classical Rabbinic Texts 3

JEWISH/CLASSICS 451

Biblical Archaeology 3

JEWISH/CLASSICS 452

Biblical Archaeology 2

SELECT TWO ADDITIONAL JEWISH STUDIES OR MODERN HEBREW COURSES ABOVE TO MEET THE MINIMUM COURSE AND CREDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CERTIFICATE

Notes: Jewish studies courses taken abroad may also satisfy the certificate requirements. Students who have taken such courses should consult with the certificate advisor. A directed study course (JEWISH 699) may be used to satisfy a cluster requirement but must be approved in advance by the undergraduate advisor.

RESIDENCE AND QUALITY OF WORK

- Minimum 2.000 GPA in all JEWISH courses and courses approved for the certificate
- 11 credits, counting toward the certificate, taken in residence

CERTIFICATE COMPLETION REQUIREMENT

This undergraduate certificate must be completed concurrently with the student’s undergraduate degree. Students cannot delay degree completion to complete the certificate.

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

SuccessWorks at the College of Letters & Science helps students leverage the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and liberal arts degree; explore and try out different career paths; participate in internships; prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications; and network with professionals in the field (alumni and employers). In short, SuccessWorks helps students in the College of Letters & Science discover themselves, find opportunities, and develop the skills they need for success after graduation.

SuccessWorks can also assist students in career advising, résumé and cover letter writing, networking opportunities, and interview skills, as well as course offerings for undergraduates to begin their career exploration early in their undergraduate career.

Students should set up their profiles in Handshake (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/handshake/) to take care of everything they need to explore career events, manage their campus interviews, and apply to jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers around the country.

- SuccessWorks (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/)
- Set up a career advising appointment (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/)
- INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit, targeted to first- and second-year students)—for more information, see Inter-LS 210: Career Development, Taking Initiative (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/inter-ls-210-career-development-taking-initiative/)
- INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Com B General Education Requirement)
- Handshake (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/handshake/)
- Learn how we’re transforming career preparation: L&S Career Initiative (http://ls.wisc.edu/lsci/)

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