JEWISH STUDIES

Jewish studies is an interdisciplinary program housed in the Norman and Bernice Harris Center for Judaic Studies. This minor is for students of diverse disciplinary backgrounds who are interested in Jewish cultures and peoples, past and present; the ways in which Judaism and other religious traditions have influenced each other, Near Eastern and Middle Eastern history and politics; and/or the origins and effects of anti-Semitism and other forms of discrimination. Language courses in Biblical Hebrew are available. You are eligible for several scholarships awarded by the Harris Center for Judaic Studies.

Experiences and Opportunities

Join the Hillel-Jewish student organization.

Attend the Klutznick-Harris Symposium, an annual international conference with the Klutznick Chair in Jewish Civilization at Creighton University in Omaha. Each year’s theme is different, attracting international scholars from a wide range of disciplines. Papers based on the conference presentations are gathered in an annual edited volume in the series “Studies in Jewish Civilization,” published by Purdue University Press.

Study abroad in Israel through a faculty-led summer trip. For those who take part in this education abroad experience and have a Jewish studies minor there is a scholarship available.

Students can receive a scholarship to help purchase books when you declare a Jewish studies minor.

Academics

CORE COURSES
Select three:
- JUDS / RELG 205 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible / Old Testament
- JUDS / HIST / RELG 219 Introduction to Jewish History
- JUDS / HIST / RELG 333 Jews in the Modern World
- JUDS / HIST 339 The Holocaust
- JUDS 350 Literature of Judaism

ADDITIONAL RELATED COURSES
Select three:
- CLAS / HIST / RELG 409 Religion of Late Western Antiquity
- ENGL 341 The Bible as Literature
- HEBR 101 Elementary Biblical Hebrew I
- HEBR 102 Elementary Biblical Hebrew II
- HEBR 301 Biblical Hebrew Prose
- HEBR 302 Biblical Hebrew Poetry
- JUDS / MODL 177 The Holocaust in Literature and Film
- JUDS / RELG 205 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible / Old Testament
- JUDS / RELG 209 Judaism and Christianity in Conflict and Coexistence
- JUDS / HIST / RELG 217 Israel: The Holy Land
- JUDS / HIST / RELG 219 Introduction to Jewish History

• JUDS / ENGL 245J Jewish-American Literature
• JUDS / RELG 308 Dead Sea Scrolls
• JUDS / CLAS / RELG / HIST 331 Ancient Israel
• JUDS / RELG / HIST 332 Jews in the Middle Ages
• JUDS / HIST / RELG 333 Jews in the Modern World
• JUDS / RELG 334 Jews, Christians and the Bible
• JUDS / HIST 313 Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict
• JUDS / HIST 339 The Holocaust
• JUDS / RELG / WMNS 340 Women in the Biblical World
• JUDS / PHIL 345 Modern European Jewish Philosophy
• JUDS 350 Literature of Judaism
• JUDS 391 Special Topics in Judaic Studies
• JUDS / RELG 406 Second Temple Judaism
• JUDS / POLS 476 Ethnic Conflict and Identity
• JUDS / POLS 477 Israel and the Middle East
• MODL / ENGL 232 The Jewish Idea in Modern Literature
• PHIL 116 Philosophy and Religious Belief
• PHIL 223 Introduction to the Philosophy of History
• PHIL 265 Philosophy of Religion
• PHIL 332 Spinoza
• RELG 181 Judaism, Christianity and Islam
• RELG 206 Ways of Western Religion
• SOCI / ETHN 217 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
• SOCI 452 Sociology of Religion

For a complete list of applicable courses see minor advisor.

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