

# JEWISH STUDIES

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The Taube Center for Jewish Studies investigates all aspects of Jewish life in history, religion, literature, language, education and culture from biblical times to the present. Courses are offered on the undergraduate and graduate levels in a program complemented by a full range of guest lectures, conferences, and symposia. The Center annually sponsors the Donald and Robin Kennedy Undergraduate Award for the best undergraduate essay on any theme in Jewish Studies, the Dr. Bernard Kaufman Undergraduate Research Award in Jewish Studies to an undergraduate engaged in research on Jews in modernity, and it coordinates the annual Dorot Travel Grants for summer study in Israel.

Graduate students enroll in the program through the departments of English, History, Comparative Literature, Religious Studies, or the School of Education, and must meet the requirements of those departments.

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS IN JEWISH STUDIES

### INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED MAJOR

The Individually Designed Major in Jewish Studies permits interested students to focus their attention on the broad field of Jewish Studies and, at the same time, to expand their knowledge of one or another related fields.

Each major should complete at least 75 units, all in courses at or above the 100 level (or their equivalent). A maximum of 15 of these 75 units may be taken on a credit/no credit basis. A maximum of 5 of these 75 units may be taken in individual study or directed reading. Students must present evidence that demonstrates their ability to do independent work and have at least three full quarters of undergraduate work remaining at Stanford after the date on which the proposal is approved by the committee. Each major must obtain sponsorship from three faculty members, one of whom is the student's primary adviser, and from one of the Directors of the Taube Center for Jewish Studies. The application deadline for IDM proposals is the fifth week of Spring Quarter of the sophomore year. Applications are reviewed only once a year. Details about the written procedures and documents necessary for application for an individually designed major in Jewish Studies can be obtained at the Taube Center for Jewish Studies, Bldg. 360, Main Quad, (650) 725-2789.

### REQUIREMENTS

The faculty members in Jewish Studies have designed the following structure for the major:

<i>Category</i>	<i>Units</i>
History and Society:	
Students must take one course in each of the three periods:	20
biblical and ancient, medieval and modern, and contemporary	
Religion:	
Biblical, rabbinic, medieval, modern	20

Literature:	
Hebrew, Holocaust, American Jewish, Yiddish, German Jewish, Russian Jewish	15
Hebrew Language (second year or beyond):	
Students who demonstrate by examination that they have completed the equivalent of at least two years of university-level modern Hebrew may apply the 12 units required in this category to more work in another category, with the approval of their primary adviser	12

Ancillary Courses:	
Ancient history, medieval history, modern European history, history of philosophy, Islam, Christianity	8-10
Total number of units required	75-77
Students planning an Individually Designed Major in Jewish Studies are also urged to write an honors thesis. Students interested in declaring an Individually Designed Major in Jewish Studies should discuss this with their adviser(s) when discussing the major itself. Up to 10 honors thesis units may be included in the major.	

No course proposed for the major may be counted as fulfilling more than one required category in the proposed major. Transfer credits from other universities must be approved by the appropriate Stanford authorities.

### COGNATE COURSES

Students interested in pursuing an Individually Designed Major in Jewish Studies are advised to consult the following list of courses in preparing their program.

AMELANG 173. Politics and Poetics in Israeli Literature: David Grossman and Other Contemporary Hebrew Writers	
AMELANG 176. Introduction to Ladino: Language, Literature, and Culture	
AMELANG 177. Middle Eastern Cities in Literature and Film	
AMELANG 297. Directed Reading in African and Middle Eastern Languages	
AMELANG 395. Graduate Studies in African and Middle Eastern Languages	
AMELANG 50A. Reading Hebrew, First Quarter	
AMELANG 50B. Reading Hebrew, Second Quarter	
AMELANG 128A. Beginning Hebrew, First Quarter	
AMELANG 128B. Beginning Hebrew, Second Quarter	
AMELANG 128C. Beginning Hebrew, Third Quarter	
AMELANG 129A. Intermediate Hebrew, First Quarter	
AMELANG 129B. Intermediate Hebrew, Second Quarter	
AMELANG 129C. Intermediate Hebrew, Third Quarter	
AMELANG 130C. Advanced Hebrew, Third Quarter	
AMELANG 140A. Beginning Yiddish, First Quarter	
AMELANG 140B. Beginning Yiddish, Second Quarter	
AMELANG 140C. Beginning Yiddish, Third Quarter	
AMELANG 170A. Biblical Hebrew	
AMELANG 170B. Biblical Hebrew	
COMPLIT 22. Memory, History, and the Contemporary Novel (Same as GERLIT 246.)	
CSRE 12. Presidential Politics: Race, Class, Faith, and Gender in the 2008 Election (Same as AFRICAAM 12.)	
ECON 117. Economic History and Modernization of the Islamic Middle East	
ENGLISH 140A. Creative Resistance and the Holocaust	
FEMST 139. Rereading Judaism in Light of Feminism	
GERLIT 121. Hanna Arendt	
HISTORY 137/337. The Holocaust	
HISTORY 229/329. Poles and Jews	
HISTORY 85S. Jews, Christians and Muslims in a Mediterranean Port City: Salonica, 1821-1945	
HISTORY 217A/317A. Poverty and Charity in Medieval Christianity, Judaism, and Islam	
HISTORY 217B/317B. Land of Three Religions: Medieval Spain	
HISTORY 287B/387B. International Law and the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict	
INTNLREL 150. The Arab-Palestinian Minority in Israeli Society	
INTNLREL 155. Counter Terrorism	
INTNLREL 207. Tribe, State, and Society in the Modern Middle East	
JEWISHST 299A. Directed Reading in Yiddish, First Quarter	
RELIGST 23. Introduction to Judaism	

### **MINOR IN JEWISH STUDIES**

The Jewish Studies minor is open to students in any department who wish to enrich their studies through acquiring knowledge in Jewish history, thought, religion, literature, and society. Students must complete their declaration of the minor no later than the last day of the quarter four quarters before degree conferral. For example, a student graduating in Spring Quarter must declare the minor no later than the last day of Spring quarter of the junior year.

Students must complete six courses for a maximum of 36 units toward the minor. Courses of study should be discussed and approved by a Jewish Studies faculty member in the departments of English, History, Religious Studies, or the Division of Literatures, Cultures, and Languages and by the center directors. In addition to suggested introductory courses, students are also encouraged to take courses in Hebrew language as part of their Jewish studies minor, and are granted credit toward the minor for up to 5 units of language study. Any variations on the minor requirements must be approved in advance by one of the directors of the center.

Courses credited toward the minor must be distributed as follows:

1. Three introductory courses at the 100 level or below in the fields of history, religious studies, literature, or Hebrew language (for a maximum of 5 units) or one of the designated introductory courses offered through the Program in Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity.
2. Two courses at the 100 level or above from two of three areas of concentration (history, religious studies, or literature).

One seminar or undergraduate colloquium at the 200 level or above in one area of concentration (history, religious studies, or literature.) No course credited toward the Jewish Studies minor may be double counted toward major requirements.

## **JEWISH STUDIES (JEWISHST) COURSES**

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For information on undergraduate programs in Jewish Studies, including a list of cognate courses applicable to an Individually Designed Major in Jewish Studies, see the “Jewish Studies” section of this bulletin.

### **GRADUATE COURSES IN JEWISH STUDIES**

Primarily for graduate students; undergraduates may enroll with consent of instructor.

**JEWISHST 299A. Directed Reading in Yiddish, First Quarter**  
*1-5 units, Aut (Staff)*