

# Judaic Studies Minor

	Judaic Studies Committee	Requirements												
<p>The Judaic studies minor presents an interdisciplinary focus for studies of Jews and Judaism, including but not limited to historical, literary, linguistic, and philosophical perspectives and approaches.</p>	<p><b>Lewis Dars</b> Economics  <b>Janet Freedman</b> Education  <b>Barbara Jacobskind</b> English</p>	<p>The Judaic Studies minor is open to any interested student with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 and with a 2.5 or higher GPA in the major.</p>												
<p>The primary educational goal of this minor is to provide students with a clear idea of how different approaches to the framing and answering of questions of systematic learning deal with the same social entity over a long period of history. From this minor, the student should learn at least three things:</p>	<p><b>Robert P. Waxler (program director)</b> English</p>	<p>Each student takes at least six courses within the minor, selected so that at least one course is in the area of history, one is in literature, one is in philosophy or language, and at least three are upper-division.</p>												
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• some of the facts of the subject; that is, some knowledge of the history, philosophy, literature, and languages of the Jews;</li> <li>• some clear knowledge of how a historian, philosopher, literary critic, or scholar of language frames humanistic questions and proceeds to answer them; and</li> <li>• some ideas of what it means to look at the same subject from different perspectives.</li> </ul>		<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td colspan="2"></td> <td style="text-align: right;">Credits</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="width: 10%;">JST 495</td> <td style="width: 70%;">Independent Study: interdisciplinary seminar or other integrating topic</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Five courses from the list of Judaic Studies courses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">15</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: right;"><b>Total:</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>18</b></td> </tr> </table>			Credits	JST 495	Independent Study: interdisciplinary seminar or other integrating topic	3		Five courses from the list of Judaic Studies courses	15	<b>Total:</b>		<b>18</b>
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<p>Each student in the Judaic Studies minor is required to work closely with a faculty member in choosing courses offered through the minor. Although each student will have the flexibility to choose any course in the program, the advisers will guide the students so the program does not become a non-disciplinary exercise in Jewish studies, but a crafted effort to show how diverse disciplines within the academic community deal with a single subject. Those students completing the minor will receive recognition on their transcripts.</p>														

Note: For distribution requirements, and general education requirement, cross-listed courses follow the status they have in their offering department.

## Judaic Studies Courses

### **JST 213 (HST 213)** three credits **C** **World of the Old Testament**

An historical, sociological, and philosophical study of the world of the Old Testament and its effect upon the development of both Christianity and Islam. Special emphasis is placed upon recent archaeological discoveries which shed light upon the interaction of ancient Israel with surrounding cultures and its place in the context of Middle Eastern civilization. Lecture and discussion are supplemented with slide presentations and the display of various artifacts that reflect the lifestyles of the Biblical period.

### **JST 214 (HST 214)** three credits **C** **The Post-Biblical World**

An historical, sociological, and philosophical study of the post-Biblical world. Particular emphasis is placed upon both the origins of Christianity within the context of Jewish, Middle Eastern, and Roman history and the parallel development of Rabbinic Judaism. In addition to lecture and discussions, the class participates in a Seder Meal where the ritual practices of first-century Israel are recreated.

### **JST 224 (ENL 224)** three credits **C** **Jewish Literature**

Major written works reflecting Jewish themes. Particular emphasis is placed on changes in Jewish culture and Jewish consciousness suggested by these works and how these changes mirror universal changes in the modern West.

### **JST 260 (HST 260)** three credits **C** **The History of the Jewish People**

A survey of the social, political, and economic history of the Jewish people from the first century through the modern era. Special emphasis is placed upon Jewish-Christian and Jewish-Islamic relations and their effect upon anti-semitism, the Holocaust, and the growth and development of Zionism. The student becomes acquainted with the place of the Jewish people in the mainstream of western culture and with the problem of maintaining ethnic and religious identity in a basically hostile environment.

### **JST 298** one to six credits **Experiential Learning**

Prerequisites: At least sophomore standing; permission of the instructor, department chairperson, and college dean  
Work experience at an elective level supervised for academic credit by a faculty member in an appropriate academic field. Conditions and hours to be arranged. Graded CR/NC. For specific procedures and

regulations, see selection of catalogue on Other Learning Experiences.

### **JST 300** three credits **Topics in Jewish Studies**

Topic of concern in Jewish Studies, as announced. May be repeated with change of topic.

### **JST 308/WMS 308** three credits **The Jewish Woman**

The diversity of Jewish women's social, cultural and religious experiences through fiction, poetry, biography, history and sociology, with an emphasis on the impact of feminism on the lives of Jewish women.

### **JST 356 (HST 356)** three credits **G** **The Holocaust**

An examination of the Holocaust, including the psychosocial aspects of prejudice; the history of anti-semitism from Biblical times; the historical, political, racist, economic, social, psychological, literary, legal, theological, and moral aspects of the Holocaust.

### **JST 400 (HST 400)** three credits **C** **Seminar in European History: A History of Christian-Jewish Relations**

An examination of the fundamental structures of Judaism and Christianity and the historical origins of the myths created by the conflict between Judaism and Christianity. The course traces the various ways these myths have worked through European history and suggests some possible solutions to the conflicts.

### **JST 495** three credits **Independent Study**

Prerequisites: Upper-division standing; permission of instructor, department chairperson, and college dean  
Study under the supervision of a faculty member in an area not otherwise part of the discipline's course offerings, interdisciplinary seminar or other integrating topic. Conditions and hours to be arranged.

### **JST 196, 296, 396, 496** three credits **Directed Study**

Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor, department chairperson, and college dean  
Study under the supervision of a faculty member in an area covered in a regular course not currently being offered. Conditions and hours to be arranged.