JEWISH STUDIES*

*Jewish Studies is offered exclusively as a concentration.

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The academic discipline of Jewish studies is an interdisciplinary field centered on the analysis and investigation of Jewish history, religion, language, and literature. The discipline ranges from the study of Jews and Judaism in antiquity to the present day. It explores Judaism not only as a religion, but as a civilization and culture.

A special concentration in Jewish studies is available for undergraduates and allows students to draw upon classes in a wide range of departments across the University, including History; Sociology; Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies; Germanic Languages and Literature; and Religion. The requirements for the special concentration are designed to provide students with the interdisciplinary knowledge necessary to study Jewish civilization both broadly and deeply.

The roots of Judaism lie deeper than one region, gender, language, or culture; and by studying the interconnectedness of these areas, the depth of understanding across a range of spheres and disciplines greatly increases. The special concentration in Jewish studies enhances the current scholarly programs, adding to current Jewish studies courses' vitality as students come to each course with a deeper understanding and background based on their complementary coursework.

Students wishing to complete a special concentration in Jewish studies work with a program adviser to decide upon course selection and sequencing. The program office provides and keeps on record a planning form to track the fulfillment of requirements for the special concentration.

Affiliated Faculty
Beth Berkowitz (Religion, Barnard)
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Michael Stanislawski (History)

Special Concentration in Jewish Studies

In addition to the requirements of the special concentration, students must complete a major.

For a special concentration in Jewish studies, students are required to complete a minimum of 21 points. Please note:

- At least one course must be taken from each of three of the focus areas listed below.

- Credits for language courses may constitute at most 10 points, and one year of Hebrew or Yiddish language is strongly recommended.

- A minimum of 18 points must be taken at Columbia or as part of an approved study abroad program (unless equivalent courses are not offered at Columbia, as determined by the faculty adviser).

The focus areas and courses listed below are examples and do not include all the potential courses which may count. Additionally, as new courses are introduced, new focus areas may develop. Some courses may fall under multiple headings. Determination of a course’s focus area is at the discretion of the faculty adviser.

Focus Areas

Bible and Rabbinics/Ancient Judaism
- RELI V3512 The Bible and its Interpreters
- RELI GU4637 Talmudic Narrative
- RELI W4520 Patriarchal and Rabbinic Authority in Antiquity
- RELI V3501 Introduction To the Hebrew Bible
- RELI V3508 Origins of Judaism
- RELI V3561 Classics fo Judaism: Ethics of the Fathers
- RELI V2510 Jews and Judaism in Antiquity

Medieval Judaism
- HIST UN2657 Medieval Jewish Cultures
- HIST W3616 Jews and Christians in the Medieval World
- RELI W4510 The Thought of Maimonides
- RELI V3870 Inquisitions, New Christians, and Empire
- RELI GU4515 Reincarnation and Technology
- HIST UN3180 Conversion in Historical Perspective

Modern Judaism
- HIST W3630 American Jewish History
- RELI V3571 Judaism, Jewishness, and Modernity
- MDES UN3542 Introduction to Israeli Literature

Israeli Society
- MDES UN3541 Zionism: A Cultural Perspective
- MDES UN3542 Introduction to Israeli Literature

Gender and Judaism
- HIST W3640 Jewish Women and Family, 1000-1800
- RELI V3570 Women and Judaism: Folklore or Religion?
- RELI W4504 Reading the Patriarchal and Matriarchal Stories in Genesis

Jewish History and Culture
- MUSI G4125 Jewish Music: Uniqueness and Diversity
- RELI V3585 The Sephardic Experience
- RELI W4503 Readings from the Sephardic Diaspora
- RELI UN2306 Intro to Judaism
- RELI W4511 Jewish Ethics
- HIST UN2657 Medieval Jewish Cultures
- HIST UN3645 Spinoza to Sabbatai: Jews in Early Modern Europe

Jewish Literature
- CLYD UN3500 Readings In Jewish Literature: Humor In Jewish Literature [In English]
- YIDD UN3800 Readings in Yiddish Literature: The Family Singer [In English]
Jewish Studies courses are housed in a number of departments throughout the University. For a full list of courses for the 2020-2021 academic year please visit the Institute website (https://www.iijs.columbia.edu/courses/).

**Fall 2020 Courses of Interest**

**Germanics**
- YIDD UN1101  Elementary Yiddish I
- YIDD UN1102  Elementary Yiddish II
- YIDD UN2101  Intermediate Yiddish I
- CLYD UN3500  Readings In Jewish Literature: Humor In Jewish Literature [In English]
- YIDD UN3333  Advanced Yiddish

**History**
- HIST UN2611  Jews and Judaism in Antiquity
- JWST GU4538  History of Jews in the Islamic World in Modern Times

**Middle East, South African, and Asian Studies**
- MDES UN1501  First Year Modern Hebrew: Elementary I
- MDES UN2501  Second Year Modern Hebrew: Intermediate I
- MDES UN2517  Hebrew for Heritage Speakers I
- MDES GU4501  Readings in Hebrew Texts I
- MDES GU4510  Third Year Modern Hebrew I

**Jewish Studies**
- JWST GU4990  Topics in Jewish Studies

**Music**
- MUSI UN2030  Jewish Music of New York

**Religion**
- RELI UN2306  Intro to Judaism
- RELI UN2506  From Exodus to the Coronavirus: Scriptures and Narratives of Religious Responses to Epidemics
- RELI UN2507  From Exodus to the Coronavirus: Scriptures and Narratives of Religious Responses to Epidemics - Discussion
- RELI UN3901  Guided Reading and Research (Sociology)

**Sociology**
- SOCI GR6010  ISRAELI SOCIETY: SPEC

**Spring 2021 Courses of Interest**

**Germanic Languages**
- YIDD UN1101  Elementary Yiddish I (Yiddish)
- YIDD UN1102  Elementary Yiddish II
- YIDD UN2101  Intermediate Yiddish I
- YIDD W3333  Magic and Monsters in Yiddish Literature [In English]

**History**
- HIST GR8132  The Jewish Book in the Early Modern World

**Jewish Studies**
- SPJS UN3303  Jewish Culture in Translation in Medieval Iberia

**Journalism**
- Journalist as Historian (J6002)

**Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies**
- MDES UN1502  First Year Modern Hebrew: Elementary II
- MDES UN2502  Second Year Modern Hebrew: Intermediate II
- MDES GU4510  Third Year Modern Hebrew I

**Religion**
- RELI GR8132  Jewish Philosophy and Kabbalah

**Sociology**
- SOCI UN3285  The Beginnings of Jewish Mysticism
- SOCI W3930  Jewish Philosophy and Kabbalah

**Women's Studies**
- SOCI W3930  Immigration and Ethnicity in Israel
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