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)
Clémence Boulouque (Religion)
Elisha Carlebach (History)
Yinon Cohen (Sociology)
Jeremy Dauber (Germanic Languages)
Rebecca Kobrin (History)
Agnieszka Legutko (Germanic Languages)
Seth Schwartz (History)
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: Jewish 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 current and past course offerings, please see below.

**Fall 2020 Courses of Interest**

**American Studies**
AMST UN3930 Topics in American Studies
Sect 3: Immigrant New York

**Germanics**
YIDD UN1101 Elementary Yiddish I
YIDD UN1102 Elementary Yiddish II
YIDD UN2101 Intermediate Yiddish I
YIDD UN3333 Advanced Yiddish
CLYD UN3500 Readings In Jewish Literature: Humor In Jewish Literature [In English]
YIDD GU4675 Yiddish Life Writing: Autobiography, Memoir or Fiction* [In English]

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

**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 UN2312 Religion and Nasty Women
RELI UN2313 Religion and Nasty Women - Discussion
RELI UN3901 Guided Reading and Research

**Spring 2020 Courses of Interest**

**Film**
JWST GU4145 Topics in Israeli Cinema (Jewish Studies)

**Germanic Languages**
YIDD UN1101 Elementary Yiddish I (Yiddish)
YIDD UN1102 Elementary Yiddish II
YIDD UN2101 Intermediate Yiddish I
YIDD UN2102 Intermediate Yiddish II
CLYD UN3600 Holocaust Literature: A Survey
YIDD GU4420 READINGS-YIDDISH LITERATU

**History**
HIST UN3604 Jews and the City
HIST UN3645 Spinoza to Sabbatai: Jews in Early Modern Europe
HIST UN3838 Senior Thesis Seminar
HIST GU4522 Jews, Magic, and Science in Premodern Europe

**Political Science**
POLS GU4848 ISRAELI NATL SEC STRAT POL DEC

**Religion**
RELI UN1620 Religion and the Movies
RELI UN3501 Introduction To the Hebrew Bible
RELI UN3199 Theory (Women's Studies)

**Women's Studies**
WMST GU4310 Contemporary American Jewish Women's Literature: 1990 to Present (Women's Studies)

**Additional Courses, Including Those Not Currently Offered**

**Germanic Languages**
YIDD UN2102 Intermediate Yiddish II
YIDD UN3333 Advanced Yiddish
YIDD UN3520 Magic and Monsters in Yiddish Literature [In English]
YIDD W3550 Twentieth-Century Yiddish Literature and Film [In English]

**History**
HIST UN2611 Jews and Judaism in Antiquity
HIST UN2628 History of the State of Israel, 1948-Present
HIST UN2630 American Jewish History
HIST UN2657 Medieval Jewish Cultures
HIST UN3604 Jews and the City
HIST W4610 The Ancient Jews and the Mediterranean
HIST W4611 Jews and Muslims in the Middle Ages
HIST W4635 Ancient Jewish Texts: Leviticus Rabbah

**Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies**
MDES UN1502 First Year Modern Hebrew: Elementary II
MDES UN2502 Second Year Modern Hebrew: Intermediate II
MDES W1516 Second Year Hebrew: Intensive Grammar Review
MDES UN3541 Zionism: A Cultural Perspective
CLME W3546 Intro to Hebrew Literature
MDES GU4510 Third Year Modern Hebrew I

**Religion (Barnard)**
RELI W4501 Psalms Through the Commentary of the Baal Shem Tov
RELI W4505 The Beginnings of Jewish Mysticism
RELI W4508 Jewish Philosophy and Kabbalah

**Religion**
RELI UN3501 Introduction To the Hebrew Bible
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