

JUDAIC STUDIES (BA)

Based in the Department of Literatures, Cultures, and Languages and sponsored by the department's Hebrew and Judaic Studies section, UConn's major in Judaic Studies offers a unique interdisciplinary approach to the study of the languages, literatures, culture, history and religion of the Jews. Students are especially encouraged to pursue their interests in Jewish civilization by learning about the experience of the Jewish people within other cultures from ancient to modern times. This truly interdisciplinary approach, which allows students to include relevant courses offered by other sections of the department, is further enhanced by the many courses that are cross-listed with other departments and programs at the university.

Requirements

All students are required to study Hebrew language. Fulfillment of this requirement depends upon the student's area of interest. There are two Tracks, each with a distinct orientation: Track A, General Judaic Studies and Track B, Classical Judaic Studies. While both tracks provide grounding in all periods of Jewish civilization, Track B emphasizes the pre-modern experience and "classical" texts of the Jews.

Students in Track A are required to have two years of Modern Hebrew (or the equivalent, which would include credits from Israeli or other "ulpan" programs).

Students in Track B are required to complete the single year sequence of courses in Biblical Hebrew, which prepares the student to read Hebrew scripture in the original.

Students in Track A and B are required to take 24 credits beyond the required language preparation in their track as specified below.

Students who are majoring in other disciplines and may not be able to pursue Hebrew language proficiency but wish to obtain a solid grounding in Judaic civilization are encouraged to pursue a minor in Judaic Studies.

Track A: General Judaic Studies

General Judaic Studies majors are required to complete the following courses:

| Course | Title | Credits |
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| HEJS 1001 | Elementary Modern Hebrew I | 4 |
| HEJS 1002 | Elementary Modern Hebrew II | 4 |
| HEJS 1003 | Intermediate Modern Hebrew I | 4 |
| HEJS 1004 | Intermediate Modern Hebrew II | 4 |
| HEJS 1103 | Who Are the Jews? Jewish Identity through the Ages | 3 |

These courses do not count toward the 24 credits required for the major.

Information Literacy and Writing in the Major Requirements

General Judaic Studies majors must complete HEJS 3401W Jewish American Literature and Culture (included in 24 required credits) to fulfill their information literacy and writing ("W") requirements. SOCI 2509W Sociology of Anti-Semitism may be substituted for HEJS 3401W Jewish American Literature and Culture with the approval of the student's HEJS advisor.

Four courses (12 credits) from Group 1 including one each from the Biblical, Ancient/Rabbinic, Medieval, and Modern periods, and three additional courses (nine credits) drawn from either Group 1 or Group 2.

Group 1

| Course | Title | Credits |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Biblical Israel | | |
| CAMS/HIST 3301 | Ancient Near East | 3 |
| HEJS 3201 | Selected Books of the Hebrew Bible | 3 |
| INTD 3260 | The Bible, the Holy Land, and History | 3 |
| Ancient/Rabbinic | | |
| HEJS/CAMS/HIST 3330 | Palestine Under the Greeks and Romans | 3 |
| Medieval | | |
| HEJS 3301 | The Jewish Middle Ages | 3 |
| Modern | | |
| HEJS 2104 | Modern Jewish Thought | 3 |
| HEJS 2200 | Israel: History and Society | 3 |
| HEJS 3251 | Advanced Hebrew | 3 |
| HEJS 3252 | Advanced Hebrew | 3 |
| HEJS 3279 | | 3 |
| SOCI 2509W | Sociology of Anti-Semitism | 3 |

Group 2

| Course | Title | Credits |
|-------------------------|---|---------|
| CAMS 3244 | Ancient Fictions | 3 |
| CAMS/HIST 3340 | World of the Later Roman Empire | 3 |
| HEJS 2104 | Modern Jewish Thought | 3 |
| HEJS 2203 | The Holocaust in Print, Theater, and Film | 3 |
| HEJS 2204 | Jewish Culture in American Film | 3 |
| HEJS 2301 | Jewish Humor | 3 |
| HEJS 3202 | | 3 |
| HEJS 3203/ HIST 3418 | The Holocaust | 3 |
| HEJS 3419 | Jewish Responses to the Holocaust | 3 |
| HIST 3705 | The Modern Middle East from 1700 to the Present | 3 |
| HIST 3712 | The Middle East Crucible | 3 |

The following courses may also be included in the required 24 credits with the approval of the student's HEJS advisor:

| Course | Title | Credits |
|-----------|-------------------|---------|
| HEJS 3293 | Foreign Study | 1-6 |
| HEJS 3298 | Variable Topics | 3 |
| HEJS 3299 | Independent Study | 1-6 |

Some HEJS Graduate courses that are open to undergraduates may also be substituted with the permission of the student's HEJS advisor. In addition, students may also take upper-level undergraduate and graduate courses in other sections of LCL that have significant Judaic content provided they have been approved by their HEJS advisor.

Track B: Classical Judaic Studies

Classical Judaic Studies majors are required to complete the following courses:

| Course | Title | Credits |
|-----------|--|---------|
| HEJS 1103 | Who Are the Jews? Jewish Identity through the Ages | 3 |
| HEJS 1149 | | 4 |
| HEJS 1150 | | 4 |

These courses do not count toward the 24 credits required for the major.

Information Literacy and Writing in the Major Requirements

Classical Judaic Studies majors are required to complete HEJS 3330W /CAMS 3330W /HIST 3330W (included in 24 required credits) to fulfill their information literacy and writing (“W”) requirements.

Seven courses amounting to 21 credits chosen from Groups 1 (Core Courses) and 2 (Specialized Courses). The selection of Group 2 courses depends upon the student’s specific interests in the pre-Modern experience of the Jews and should be chosen with the approval of the student’s HEJS advisor.

Group 1 - Core Courses

| Course | Title | Credits |
|----------------|---|---------|
| CAMS 3244 | Ancient Fictions | 3 |
| CAMS/HIST 3301 | Ancient Near East | 3 |
| CAMS/HIST 3340 | World of the Later Roman Empire | 3 |
| HEJS 3201 | Selected Books of the Hebrew Bible | 3 |
| HEJS 3241 | Jewish Magic: from Late Antiquity through the Early Modern Period | 3 |
| HEJS 3301 | The Jewish Middle Ages | 3 |
| INTD 3260 | The Bible, the Holy Land, and History | 3 |

Group 2 - Specialized Courses

| Course | Title | Credits |
|-----------|-------|---------|
| HEJS 5316 | | 3 |
| HEJS 5326 | | 3 |

One of the following courses may also be included in the 24 credits, depending upon the student’s pre-modern period of interest. Approval of the student’s HEJS advisor is required.

| Course | Title | Credits |
|-------------------------|---|---------|
| ARTH 3150 | Roman Art | 3 |
| CAMS/HIST 3320 | Ancient Greece: Troy to Sparta | 3 |
| CAMS/HIST 3321 | Hellenistic World: Alexander to Cleopatra | 3 |
| CAMS/HIST 3325 | Ancient Rome: Aeneas to Augustus | 3 |
| CAMS/HIST 3335 | The Early Christian Church | 3 |
| CAMS 3251/ ARTH 3140 | Greek Art | 3 |

The following courses may also be included in the required 24 credits with the approval of the student’s HEJS advisor:

| Course | Title | Credits |
|-----------|-------------------|---------|
| HEJS 3293 | Foreign Study | 1-6 |
| HEJS 3299 | Independent Study | 1-6 |

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| HEJS 3298 | Variable Topics | 3 |
| CAMS 3298 | Variable Topics | 3 |

Literatures, Cultures and Languages

The Department of Literatures, Cultures and Languages offers courses in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Spanish, Classical Languages (Ancient Greek, Latin, and Biblical Hebrew) and selected critical languages. Students may major in Chinese Studies, Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies, French and Francophone Studies, German Studies, Italian Literary and Cultural Studies, Judaic Studies, and Spanish Studies. A student may double major in two of the above majors. Students will gain knowledge of the Literature, Culture, and applied Language skills that are required for teaching, business, diplomatic or governmental work, and research in graduate or undergraduate study of the culture and literature that is associated with these languages.

Education Abroad is required (or strongly encouraged, please see descriptions) for the majors in modern languages for at least one semester or approved equivalents. The department sponsors University of Connecticut programs in France; Italy; Spain; Germany; and Tianjin, China. Many other programs are available in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Europe through Education Abroad. Such coursework is normally most valuable during the junior year, but qualified sophomores and seniors are also eligible. Students interested in Education Abroad should consult with their advisors.

Courses numbered at the 2000 level or above are open to first-year students and sophomores if they meet the course prerequisites. In the modern languages, coursework is conducted in the foreign language unless otherwise indicated.

University General Education Requirements

Every student must meet a set of core requirements to earn a baccalaureate degree, in addition to those required by the student’s major course of study and other requirements set by the student’s school or college. For more information about these requirements, please see General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.uconn.edu/undergraduate/gen-ed-requirements/>).

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Degree Requirements

Students must meet a set of requirements established by the college in addition to the University’s General Education requirements. For more information, see the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (<https://catalog.uconn.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts-sciences/#requirementstext>) section of this catalog.