Jewish Studies, BA

This program explores Jewish life and history by exploring topics from religious and spiritual values to political and philosophical viewpoints. Students in the program study the history and modern life of the Jewish religion while developing an understanding of Jewish contributions to Western civilization.

Program Description

The BA in Jewish studies offers a transdisciplinary, cross-cultural program of study focusing on the study of Judaism, defined as the civilization of the Jews. It considers Jewish history and modern life and facilitates enhanced cultural awareness and global perspective. As with other degree programs in the humanities, a bachelor’s degree program in Jewish studies can provide a balance to studies in contemporary science and technology.

Students choose a thematic concentration from history and society, literature and culture, or religion and thought.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** No
- **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2018 - 2019 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)
Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors. Students should refer to https://students.asu.edu/changingmajors for information about how to change a major to this program.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in Jewish studies: http://links.asu.edu/SAO.jewish-studies.

Career Opportunities

Students who receive a bachelor's degree in Jewish studies and pursue a career with one of the hundreds of U.S. companies that do business in Israel will have a competitive edge because of their familiarity with Jewish culture. Jewish studies graduates are also prepared to:

- attend rabbinical seminary in preparation for becoming a community rabbi or chaplain
- engage in world political and economic issues
- pursue advanced education in Jewish professional service fields
The degree also provides a firm foundation for students who wish to pursue advanced degrees related to their area of interest in fields that may include:

- archaeology
- creative writing
- ethics
- film and media
- history
- journalism
- justice studies
- law
- philosophy
- political science
- religious studies

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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Religious Education Director 7.1% $38,980
Religious Leader 8.2% $47,100

* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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