The Jewish studies certificate program is designed to provide a deeper appreciation for the religion's multiculturalism, major achievements and modern relevance. Its goal is to enhance students' historical and cultural understanding of the Jewish religion.

Description

The Jewish studies certificate program examines the history and culture of the Jews, generates and facilitates research on Judaica, and provides a model for transdisciplinary teaching and research. The program provides the community with programs, courses and research to further the understanding of Judaica and stands as an example of the university's commitment to a program of meaningful ethnic studies on a firm academic base.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus

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Major Map (Archives)

Program Requirements

The certificate in Jewish studies requires a minimum of 21 credit hours in approved course work. At least 12 upper-division hours are required. At least six upper-division hours must be in courses offered by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. A minimum grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) is required in each course used toward the certificate.

**Language Requirement -- 6 credit hours**

Students must complete two semesters of the same language (6-8 credit hours).
- HEB 101 AND HEB 102: Elementary Modern Hebrew (G) (8)
- HEB 131: Biblical Hebrew I AND HEB 132: Biblical Hebrew II (6)
ARB 101: Elementary Arabic I AND ARB 102: Elementary Arabic II (8)
GER 101 AND GER 102: Elementary German (G) (8)
SPA 101 AND SPA 102: Elementary Spanish (8)

Thematic Track Electives (choose three courses) -- 9 credit hours

Students choose one course in three of five thematic tracks. Available tracks include history, humanities, literature, religious studies and social studies. At least six credit hours must be upper-division course work. (9)

History

HEB 375: Contemporary Culture of Israel (HU & G) (3)
HST 304: Jews and Christians in the Middle Ages (SB & H) (3)
HST 358: Jewish History from Antiquity to 1492 (SB & H) (3)
HST 359: Jewish History from 1492 to 1948 (SB & G & H) (3)
HST 372: Modern Middle East (SB & G & H) (3)
HST 436: The Soviet Experiment (SB & G & H) (3)
JST 210 / REL 210: Introduction to Judaism (HU & H) (3)
JST 211 / HST 211 / REL 211: Jews and Judaism in America (SB & H) (3)
JST 230 / HST 230 / REL 230: Introduction to Jewish Civilization (HU & H & G) (3)
JST 304: Studies in European History (SB & H) (3)
JST 314 / HST 390 / PHI 390 / REL 314: Jewish Philosophy (3)
JST 315 / REL 315: Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) ((L or HU) & H) (3)
JST 347 / HEB 347 / SLC 347: Modern Israeli Literature in Translation (HU & G) (3)
JST 369 / HST 369 / REL 312: History and Memory of the Holocaust (3)
JST 396 / REL 396: Women in the Bible (3)
JST 491: History of Antisemitism (3)
REL 386: America and the Holocaust (HU or SB) (3)
REL 410: Judaism in Modern Times (HU & H) (3)

Humanities

ENG 356: The Bible as Literature (HU) (3)
HEB 349: Israeli Wars in Israeli Movies (HU & G) (3)
HST 357 / PHI 391 / REL 391: Historical Perspectives on Philosophy and Religion (3)
JST 314 / HST 390 / PHI 390 / REL 314: Jewish Philosophy (3)
JST 315 / REL 315: Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) ((L or HU) & H) (3)
JST 316 / ENG 316 / HEB 316 / REL 316: Literary Readings of the Hebrew Bible (L or HU) (3)
JST 318 / REL 318 / SOC 375: Contemporary American Jewish Identities ((HU or SB) & C) (3)
JST 348 / HEB 348 / REL 311 / SLC 348: Israeli Society and Culture (HU & G) (3)
JST 373 / WST 372 / REL 373: Women in Judaism (3)
JST 445 / FMS 445 / GER 445 / SLC 445: The Holocaust in German-Mediated Memory (3)
JST 496: Biblical Narratives: Literary Approaches (3)
REL 313 / FMS 313: Anti-Semitism in the Media (3)
REL 410: Judaism in Modern Times (HU & H) (3)
REL 486 / FMS 486: Holocaust on Film (3)

**Literature**

ENG 356: The Bible as Literature (HU) (3)
JST 316 / ENG 316 / HEB 316 / REL 316: Literary Readings of the Hebrew Bible (L or HU) (3)
JST 347 / HEB 347 / SLC 347: Modern Israeli Literature in Translation (HU & G) (3)
JST 411 / HEB 411 / REL 411: Judaism and the Beginnings of Christianity (3)
JST 496: Biblical Narratives: Literary Approaches (3)

**Religious Studies**

JST 210 / REL 210: Introduction to Judaism (HU & H) (3)
JST 314 / HST 390 / PHI 390 / REL 314: Jewish Philosophy (3)
JST 316 / ENG 316 / HEB 316 / REL 316: Literary Readings of the Hebrew Bible (L or HU) (3)
JST 317 / REL 317: Introduction to Rabbinic Judaism (HU & H) (3)
JST 318 / REL 318 / SOC 375: Contemporary American Jewish Identities ((HU or SB) & C) (3)
JST 348 / HEB 348 / REL 311 / SLC 348: Israeli Society and Culture (HU & G) (3)
JST 369 / HST 369 / REL 312: History and Memory of the Holocaust (3)
JST 373 / REL 373 / WST 372: Women in Judaism (3)
JST 384 / REL 384: The Bible and Archaeological Discoveries (3)
JST 396 / REL 396: Women in the Bible (3)
JST 491: History of Antisemitism (3)
JST 495: Judaism, Science and World Religions (3)
JST 496: Biblical Narratives: Literary Approaches (3)
REL 207: Ritual, Symbol, and Myth (L or HU) (3)
REL 310: Western Religious Traditions (HU & H) (3)
REL 313 / FMS 313: Anti-Semitism in the Media (3)
REL 385: Contemporary Western Religious Thought (HU) (3)
REL 486 / FMS 486: Holocaust on Film (3)

**Social Studies**

HST 358: Jewish History from Antiquity to 1492 (SB & H) (3)
HST 359: Jewish History from 1492 to 1948 (SB & G & H) (3)
HST 372: Modern Middle East (SB & G & H) (3)
JST 211 / HST 211 / REL 211: Jews and Judaism in America (SB & H) (3)
JST 318 / REL 318 / SOC 375: Contemporary American Jewish Identities ((HU or SB) & C) (3)
JST 348 / HEB 348 / REL 311 / SLC 348: Israeli Society and Culture (HU & G) (3)
JUS 374: The Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights (3)
JUS 452: Justice Issues in Israel and Palestine: The Political is Personal (3)
STS 364: Science, Technology, and National Security (SB) (3)

**Upper-Division Electives -- 6 credit hours**
Students choose upper-division electives from any of the thematic track course lists (the electives may be from any combination of thematic tracks).

Upper Division Certificate Electives (6)

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment Requirements

GPA Requirement: None

Majors Ineligible to Add This Certificate: BA in Jewish studies

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Students wishing to pursue the certificate in Jewish studies must consult with an academic advisor in the School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies and make a formal declaration of intent through the submission of the certificate in Jewish studies application.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Contact Information

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