

JEWISH STUDIES MINOR

The undergraduate minor in Jewish studies is an interdisciplinary curriculum that explores the history, literature, culture, and religious life of Jews in their interaction with other peoples from ancient times to the present. It also offers students an opportunity to become more knowledgeable about selected areas of the Jewish experience.






Requirements








In addition to the program requirements listed below, students must:

- take at least nine hours of their minor "core" requirements at UNC–Chapel Hill
- earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.000 in the minor core requirements. Some programs may require higher standards for minor or specific courses.

For more information, please consult the degree requirements section of the catalog (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/>).

The minor consists of five courses, which must be taken in at least two different departments.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements		
JWST 100/ RELI 123	 Introduction to Jewish Studies (core course)	3
Four elective courses selected from the list below. Of these four courses, one must be a course numbered 400 or higher, and at least one must fulfill the world before 1750 (WB) General Education requirement.		12
AMST/JWST 486	 The Jewish South: Race, Region, and Religion	
AMST/JWST/ WGST 253	 A Social History of Jewish Women in America	
ASIA/JWST 60	 First-Year Seminar: Israeli Culture and Society: Collective Memories and Fragmented Identities	
ASIA/JWST 436	 Language, Exile, and Homeland in Zionist Thought and Practice	
ASIA/JWST/ PWAD 235	 Israeli Cinema: Gender, Nation, and Ethnicity ^H	
ASIA/ JWST 357/ PWAD 362		
ASIA/JWST/ PWAD 425	 Beyond Hostilities: Israeli-Palestinian Exchanges and Partnerships in Film, Literature, and Music	
CLAR/JWST/ RELI 110	 The Archaeology of Palestine in the New Testament Period	
CLAR/JWST/ RELI 512	 Ancient Synagogues	
CMPL/ GSSL 270/ JWST 239/ RELI 239	German Culture and the Jewish Question	

ENGL/JWST 289	Jewish American Literature and Culture of the 20th Century
FOLK/JWST 380	 Traditions in Transition: Jewish Folklore and Ethnography
FOLK/JWST 481	 Jewish Belonging/s: The Material Culture of Jewish Experience
GSSL/JWST 56	 First-Year Seminar: Germans, Jews, and the History of Anti-Semitism
GSSL/JWST 225	 Popular and Pious: Early Modern Jewish Literature
GSSL/JWST/ PWAD 465	Literature of Atrocity: The Gulag and the Holocaust in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe
HEBR/JWST 305	 Advanced Composition and Conversation: Immigration, Ethnicities, and Religious Traditions
HEBR/JWST 306	 Advanced Composition and Conversation: Zionism and the Hebrew Language
HIST/JWST 153	 From the Bible to Broadway: Jewish History to Modern Times
HIST/JWST 308	The Renaissance and the Jews
HIST/JWST 330	Jesus and the Jews: From the Bible to the Big Screen ^H
HIST/JWST 485	From Fiddler on the Roof to the Holocaust: East European and Soviet Jewish History
HIST/JWST/ PWAD 262	 History of the Holocaust: The Destruction of the European Jews
JWST 697	Capstone Course: Themes and Methodologies in Jewish Studies
JWST/PLSH 412	From Communism to Capitalism: 20th- and 21st-Century Polish Literature and Culture
JWST/RELI 103	 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Literature ^H
JWST/RELI 106	 Introduction to Early Judaism
JWST/RELI 107	Introduction to Modern Judaism
JWST/RELI 143	Judaism in Our Time
JWST/RELI 206	Prophecy and Divination in Ancient Israel and Judah ^H
JWST/RELI 211	 Classical Hebrew I: A Linguistic Introduction to the Hebrew Bible
JWST/RELI 212	 Classical Hebrew II: A Linguistic Introduction to the Hebrew Bible
JWST/RELI 224	 Modern Jewish Thought ^H
JWST/RELI 243	Introduction to American Judaism
JWST/RELI 343	 Religion in Modern Israel
JWST/RELI 420	 Post-Holocaust Ethics and Theology ^H

JWST/ RELI 444/ WGST 448	Gender and Sexuality in Contemporary Judaism
JWST/RELI 503	 Exploring the Dead Sea Scrolls ^H
JWST/RELI 602	 What Is Scripture? Formations of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Canon
JWST/SLAV 464	Imagined Jews: Jewish Themes in Polish and Russian Literature
JWST/SLAV 469	Coming to America: The Slavic Immigrant Experience in Literature
RELI 78	 First-Year Seminar: Reading the Bible: Now and Then
RELI 108	 Classic Jewish Texts: From Bible and Dead Sea Scrolls to Kabbalah and Hassidism
RELI 109	 History and Culture of Ancient Israel ^H
RELI 201	 Ancient Biblical Interpretation ^H
RELI 446	Christian-Jewish Relations throughout the Ages
RELI 501	 The History of the Bible in Modern Study
RELI 565	Medieval Jews and the Bible
RELI 566	Islamic and Jewish Legal Literature
RELI 608	The Messiah and the Apocalypse
RELI/WGST 450	 Sexuality in Jewish Tradition and History
SPAN 252	Argentine Jewish Culture
SPAN 253	Argentine Jewish Film
Total Hours	15

^H Honors version available. An honors course fulfills the same requirements as the nonhonors version of that course. Enrollment and GPA restrictions may apply.

Additions to this list must be approved by the director of the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies. Only courses in modern Hebrew at the fifth-semester level or higher can count toward the minor. For students minoring in both Jewish studies and religious studies, only two courses can overlap between the two minors.

Although this minor is housed in the Department of Religious Studies, the director of Jewish studies is responsible for advising all students who minor in Jewish studies.

Department Programs

Majors

- Religious Studies Major, B.A. (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/religious-studies-major-ba/>)
- Religious Studies Major, B.A. – Jewish Studies Concentration (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/religious-studies-major-ba-jewish-studies-concentration/>)

Minors

- Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/islamic-middle-eastern-studies-minor/>)
- Jewish Studies Minor (p. 1)

- Religious Studies Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/religious-studies-minor/>)
- Study of Christianity and Culture Minor (<https://catalog.unc.edu/undergraduate/programs-study/study-christianity-culture-minor/>)

Graduate Programs

- M.A. in Religious Studies (<https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/religious-studies/>)
- Ph.D. in Religious Studies (<https://catalog.unc.edu/graduate/schools-departments/religious-studies/>)

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