

# JEWISH STUDIES, MINOR

Jewish Studies minors at UWM examine the culture and religion of the Jewish people through language, history, arts, media, politics, and literature. Students can shape their own degree by focusing their electives around their specific interests, such as Israel, the Holocaust, or media representation.

The Jewish Studies program prepares students for work in a multicultural world with a skill set that includes the ability to analyze texts and weigh different interpretations, present persuasive arguments in writing and speech, and appreciate different backgrounds and viewpoints. Jewish Studies alumni have found careers in social welfare, Jewish organization administration, foreign affairs, business administration, journalism, the arts, education, and more. Further graduate study has led others to careers in religious leadership as rabbis or cantors.

Jewish Studies minors can further their education by participating in UWM's Study Abroad opportunities in Israel. Majors and minors studying in Israel are eligible for travel awards from the Stahl Center for Jewish Studies. The Stahl Center for Jewish Studies also offers other scholarships and awards to outstanding Jewish Studies majors and minors.

A minor in Jewish Studies may be of particular interest to students earning a certificate in Middle Eastern and North African Studies, Cultures and Communities, and/or Comparative Ethnic Studies, or a major in Religious Studies.

Both the major and minor can be completed fully online for students who need coursework that fits their schedules.

## Requirements

The minor requires completion of a minimum of 18 credits, at least 9 of which must be taken at the 300 level or above in residence at UWM, in courses approved for the major (see list below). Other courses may be counted towards the minor with approval of the coordinator. The College requires that students earn a GPA of at least 2.0 on all credits for the minor attempted at UWM. In addition, students must earn a GPA of 2.0 on all minor credits attempted, including any transfer work.

Code	Title	Credits
HEBR ST 100	Introduction to Judaism	3
HEBR ST 101	First Semester Hebrew	4
HEBR ST 102	Second Semester Hebrew	4
HEBR ST 201	Third-Semester Hebrew	4
HEBR ST 202	Fourth-Semester Hebrew	4
HEBR ST 230	Bible Stories	3
HEBR ST 231	Introduction to the Old Testament/ Hebrew Bible	3
HEBR ST 235	The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible	3
HEBR ST 238	Topics in Hebrew/Jewish Literature, Art, and Culture:	3
HEBR ST 254	Studies in Hebrew Culture:	3
HEBR ST 331	Topics in Biblical Literature:	3
HEBR ST 332	Women in the Bible	3
HEBR ST 368	Jewish and Christian Responses to the Holocaust	3
HEBR ST 699	Independent Study	1-3

HIST 282	The Modern Middle East in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries	3
HIST 363	Germany: Hitler and the Nazi Dictatorship	3
HIST 364	The Holocaust: Anti-Semitism & the Fate of Jewish People in Europe, 1933-45	3
JEWISH 101	Jewish Culture in America: History, Literature, Film	3
JEWISH/HEBR ST 261	Representing the Holocaust in Words and Images	3
JEWISH/POL SCI 328	The Arab-Israeli Conflict	3
JEWISH/FILMSTD 350	Global Jewish Film and Television:	3
JEWISH/HIST 358	The Jews of Modern Europe: History and Culture	3
JEWISH/HIST 379	Introduction to Jewish History	3
JEWISH 699	Advanced Independent Study	1-3

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