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/ GSLL 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	
GSLL/JWST 56	First-Year Seminar: Germans, Jews, and the History of Anti-Semitism	
GSLL/JWST 225	Popular and Pious: Early Modern Jewish Literature	
GSLL/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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