Jewish Studies Minor

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The minor in Jewish Studies is designed to give students an overview of some of the major themes in Jewish

Studies, and cultivate the potential of young Jewish Studies scholars in the undergraduate population. In addition to

gaining a certain minimum breadth of acquaintance with the field, students have the opportunity to explore particular

interests within the various topics and areas presented by Jewish Studies.

The Jewish Studies minor is open to all UC Berkeley students.

Requirements of Jewish Studies Minor:

1. Complete the preliminary course: Cultural Legacies of the Jews (JS 101).
2. Complete four upper-division courses (minimum 3 units each) from the approved list of elective courses (please consult the Center for Jewish Studies regarding any elective distribution requirements).
3. The study of Modern Hebrew, Biblical Hebrew, or Yiddish is encouraged and is essential for some but not all of the courses; however, there is no language requirement for the Jewish Studies minor and only advanced language courses are applicable to the minor.
4. Complete at least four of the five minor courses at UC Berkeley. Transfer courses must be approved University officials. (Undergraduate Admissions Office and the College of Letters and Science) *and* by the Jewish Studies advisor.
5. Take ALL courses for the minor for a letter grade.
6. Achieve a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 in the courses used to satisfy minor requirements.
7. Use no more than one course to satisfy requirements for both a major and the JS minor.

To Declare Jewish Studies Minor:

Students must meet with the JS minor advisor to declare the minor. Bring your complete application to your meeting. Application pack includes:

1. A completed Jewish Studies Minor Application Form (attached).
2. A completed Jewish Studies Minor Program Worksheet (attached).
3. A current copy of your UCB transcript printed from CalCentral with your name printed on the document. Please highlight all courses that apply to the minor, including courses in progress and transferable credits from other institutions (community colleges, study abroad). Also, indicate which course (if any) will overlap between the JS minor and your major.
4. Copies of transcripts from colleges other than UCB if course work is to be counted towards the minor. These transcripts may be unofficial. We do not have access to them in the Registrar's Office, so students must request copies themselves and submit them with their applications. Please highlight all courses to be applied to the minor.
5. Once admitted, minors must contact the JS minor advisor at least once each semester to get approval for any

changes to their programs.

To Complete Jewish Studies Minor

Fill out the following two forms: "Completion of L&S Minor" and "Major-Minor Overlap Check form" and submit both forms to

the JS minor advisor no later than the fifth week of classes of your final semester before graduation.

Forms can be found here: <https://ls.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/advcompletionoflnsminor.pdf>

The College of Letters & Science will be notified of minor completion approximately four weeks after the final minor course has been completed for inclusion in student's diploma.

RECEIVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

**Personal Data**

Last Name First Middle S.I.D. Number

@berkeley.edu

UCB email address Local Phone Number

Permanent email address Cell Phone Number

**Academic Information**

Major Department Total Units Completed AP Units Completed

First Term at Berkeley (semester and year) Proposed Date of Graduation (semester and year)

Double Major Department (if applicable) Other Minor Program Department (if applicable)

Other Colleges and Universities Attended (if applicable):

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2. from to

**PLEASE READ AND INITIAL:**

Once you are admitted to the minor you must have your courses approved each semester. It is your responsibility to discuss your courses with the JS Minor Advisor in advance of your Phase 1 enrollment appointment time, whether you are on campus or studying abroad. It is also your responsibility to inform the advisor when you have completed the minor so that the Confirmation of L&S Minor petition can be signed and forwarded to the Registrar's Office for posting on the transcript.

Student Signature: Date:

JS Minor Advisor Signature: Date:

**Please note:** You must complete the 2-page COMPLETION OF L&S MINOR form, and submit it for signature approval to the Center for Jewish Studies. Be sure to read and follow all the instructions that are on the third page of this form. You will find the form at this link (copy and paste URL if link doesn’t work): <https://ls.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/advcompletionoflnsminor.pdf>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_

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PROGRAM WORKSHEET

This worksheet is both a student planning aid and an advisor checklist. Please indicate the semester you either completed or plan to complete each requirement, using the minor program course list and the Berkeley General Catalog as references. Include alternative options so that you have choices in case a class is not offered or should it not fit your schedule when it is offered. Do not fill in units, grades or grade points. The JS minor advisor will complete these columns when certifying completion of the minor. **All courses taken for the minor must be taken for a letter grade and must be preapproved by an advisor.**

**Fill out this worksheet in pencil - it will probably change!**

Required Core Course **(Introduction to Jewish Studies)**

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| Course | Semester Taken/ Plan to Take | Institution | Units | Grade | Grade Points | Certified by Advisor |
| JS 101 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Four Upper Division Electives *(Choose from the approved list or have courses preapproved by JS minor advisor.)*

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| Course | Semester Taken/ Plan to Take | Institution | Units | Grade | Grade Points | Certified by Advisor |
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**FOR ADVISOR USE ONLY**

Incoming Minor GPA:

Final Minor GPA:

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**List of courses satisfying elective requirement**

This list is cumulative and will get longer as appropriate courses are offered. It is not all-inclusive, but is rather meant to give an idea of relevant and acceptable courses for the Jewish Studies minor. Students who are in doubt about whether or not a course will count toward the Jewish Studies minor should send a query with all relevant descriptive course material to the Jewish Studies student affairs desk, [cjsprograms@berkeley.edu](mailto:cjsprograms@berkeley.edu).

**Jewish Studies**

*Please note: No Jewish Studies 198 courses will count toward the minor since they are not offered for a letter grade.*

* Any upper division Jewish Studies course *except JS 198, please see above*
* Jewish Studies 101: The Cultural Legacies of the Jews; this is the required core course for the minor
* Jewish Studies 120: Special Topics in Jewish Studies: any course; may be repeated for credit when topic changes, for example:  
   spring 2014 JS 120, “Jewish Law”   
   fall 2015 two sections: "Arendt, Benjamin, and Scholem on Modern Chaos" and "A Jewish and Democratic State"  
   spring 2016: “Israeli Feminism”

**Comparative Literature**

* Comparative Literature 120: Biblical Tradition in Western Literature
* Comparative Literature 155: Gender Identity in Modern Jewish and Israeli Drama (spring 2014). Topics for CL 155 vary widely so be sure to check with an advisor before enrolling.

**Development Practice**

* Development Practice 246:Transboundary Water Conflict Resolution: The Israel-Arab Case

**Dutch**

* Dutch 166: Anne Frank and After: Dutch Literature of the Holocaust in English Translation
* Dutch 176: The Jews of the Low Countries

**Economics**

* Economics 196: Israel as a Case Study

**German**

* German 145: German-Jewish Writers
* German 168: Yiddish Literature and Culture in Translation
* German 185: The Holocaust in Film

**Geography**

* Geography 170 (fall 2014): Political Ecology of Israel and the Middle East

**Hebrew**

* Any upper division Hebrew language course
* Hebrew 102A/B: Post-Biblical Hebrew Texts
* Hebrew 104A/B: Modern Hebrew Literature and Culture
* Hebrew 105B: The Structure of Modern Hebrew
* Hebrew 107A/B: Biblical Hebrew Texts
* Hebrew 148A: The Art and Culture of the Talmud
* Hebrew 190: Special Topics in Hebrew

**History**

* History 100M (fall 2014 and spring 2016): History of Modern Israel; Jews and Muslims (spring 2016)
* History 103: History of Anti-Semitism
* History 103F: (spring 2015) Jews, Muslims, and Christians in Late Ottoman and Jerusalem; (fall 2015) The Emergence of Modern Jerusalem, 1850-1950
* History C139: when the topic is Jewish or Israeli history
* History 174B: (spring 2015) Poles and Others: Living Together, Apart? Jews, Christians and Coexistence in Modern Poland
* History C175: Jewish Civilization: any course in this 4-course sequence
* History 178: History of the Holocaust

**Legal Studies**

* Legal Studies 174 (spring 2014 and 2015): Comparative Constitutional Law, Case of Israel

**Letters and Science (L&S)**

* L&S 120: The Bible

**Middle Eastern Studies**

* MES 150: Jews and Muslims

**Music**

* Music 139: Music in Israel

**Near Eastern Studies (NES)**

* NES 132: Biblical Poetry
* NES C135: Jewish Civilization; any course in this 4-course sequence
* NES 137: Modern and Contemporary Jewish Thought
* NES 139: Modern Jewish Literatures in English Translation
* NES 190A: The Abrahamic Religions – Points of Conflict and Convergence
* NES 190A: Rome and Jerusalem: The Complex Relations Between Judaism and Christianity
* NES 190A: Readers of the Lost Ark: Texts, Objects, and Memory in the Bible and Beyond
* NES 190C: Special Topics of Near Eastern Studies, Jewish Studies; may be repeated for credit when topic changes
* NES 192C: Problems and Research in NEW: Jewish Studies

**Religious Studies**

* Religious Studies C134: Jewish Civilization: The Middle Ages

**Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies**

* Theater 121: Mapping Diasporas; Jewish Studies, Humanities, and Digital Humanities

**Sociology**

* Sociology 179 (spring 2015): Sociological Perspectives on Israeli Society

**Yiddish**

* Any upper division Yiddish language course
* Yiddish 103: Readings in Yiddish

**Note:**

* JS 101: Cultural Legacies of the Jews, is offered only in the spring. Please take as early in your program as possible.
* Only upper division, letter-graded, minimum 3-unit courses may be used toward the minor.
* Up to two GTU courses may be used as electives with the approval of the JS minor advisor.