

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. Five relevant upper division courses (including [JEWISH 100](#) core course), minimum 3 units each, are required to complete the undergraduate minor.
2. All courses taken to fulfill minor requirements below must be taken for graded credit.
3. A minimum of three of the upper division courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements must be completed at UC Berkeley.
4. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required for courses used to fulfill the minor requirements.
5. Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements may be applied toward the Seven-Course Breadth requirement, for Letters & Science students.
6. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs.
7. Minors are added as plans in Campus Solutions, and must be declared in advance of verification of completion; therefore, all undergraduate minors must be declared no later than one semester prior to a student's Estimated Graduation Term (EGT). The deadline is the last day of RRR week.
8. No more than 2 Israel Studies courses can be used to satisfy the requirements for the JS Minor.
9. All minor requirements must be completed within the unit ceiling. (For further information regarding the unit ceiling, please see the College Requirements tab.)

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://lsadvising.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/minor_form_2023.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
_____	_____	_____	_____
UCB email address	@berkeley.edu	_____	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):	_____	_____
1. _____	from _____	to _____
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://lsadvising.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/minor_form_2023.pdf

Name: _____

Jewish Studies Minor 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)

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.)

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

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, eheber@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.