MINOR IN JEWISH STUDIES

The Program in Jewish Studies offers an undergraduate major (BA in Jewish Studies) and minor, Departmental Honors (both by research paper and by service learning), and courses in Jewish Studies, Hebrew, and Yiddish; we also co-sponsor courses in many other units, especially Religious Studies. Among our several focus areas are Judaic studies, identities and ethnicities, languages and narratives, history and archaeology, and applied service in Jewish organizations.

Jewish culture and religion have flourished in a rich variety of forms and in remarkably disparate places on the globe for thousands of years. Jewish contributions have deeply affected the art, language and literature, law, philosophy, and political thought, and the sciences of all nations. The global impact of Jewish culture thus warrants its study as an important component of the liberal arts curriculum at KU. The Jewish Studies Program at KU is the only such program in the state of Kansas. Its mission, therefore, is to celebrate in the US heartland the Jewish experience and promote the understanding of its cultural importance with courses and academic programs that focus on the history, diversity, culture, languages, thought, and practices of the Jewish people and their religion.

Requirements for the Minor

Jewish Studies Minor Course Requirements

Student selecting this minor must complete a course in each of the following areas:

Jewish Studies

Jewish Culture or History. Satisfied by one course, for example one of the following: (3)

- JWSH 300: Topics in Jewish Studies: Israeli Politics in Society
- JWSH 311: Narratives of Jewish Life
- JWSH 327: Jewish Secular Culture

Jewish Religion. Satisfied by one course, for example one of the following: (3)

- JWSH 300: Topics in Jewish Studies: The Story of the Talmud
- JWSH 321: Religion of Ancient Israel
- JWSH 325: Introduction to Judaism

Electives. Satisfied by: (12)

Any other JWSH course or appropriate cross-listed or cross-referenced courses in other units. (see below)

Satisfied by a minimum of 12 credit hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.

Minor Graduation GPA

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in all courses in the minor. GPA calculations include all courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa).

Courses Offered in the Jewish Studies Program

- JWSH 124: Understanding the Bible
- JWSH 125: Understanding the Bible, Honors
- JWSH 177: First Year Seminar: _____
- JWSH 300: Topics in Jewish Studies: _____
- JWSH 311: Narratives of Jewish Life
- JWSH 318: Jews and Slavs in Eastern Europe
- JWSH 321: Religion of Ancient Israel
- JWSH 325: Introduction to Judaism
- JWSH 327: Jewish Secular Culture
- JWSH 338: Languages of the Jews
- JWSH 339: Languages of the Jews, Honors
- JWSH 340: Topics in Modern Jewish Literature: _____
- JWSH 343: The Holocaust in History
- JWSH 350: Contemporary Jewish Identities
- JWSH 361: Jewish Film
- JWSH 395: Study Abroad Topics in Jewish Studies: _____
- JWSH 490: Directed Study in Jewish Studies
- JWSH 491: Directed Study in Jewish Studies, Honors
- JWSH 523: The Dead Sea Scrolls
- JWSH 525: Jews and Christians
- JWSH 526: Jewish History and Literature in the Greek and Roman Periods
- JWSH 560: Modern Jewish Thought
- JWSH 570: Studies in Judaism
- JWSH 572: Jewish Folklore
- JWSH 573: Jewish Folklore, Honors
- JWSH 600: Advanced Topics in Jewish Studies: _____
- JWSH 650: Service Learning in Jewish Studies
- HEBR 110: Elementary Israeli Hebrew I
- HEBR 120: Elementary Israeli Hebrew II
- HEBR 177: First Year Seminar: _____
- HEBR 210: Intermediate Israeli Hebrew I
- HEBR 220: Intermediate Israeli Hebrew II
- HEBR 230: Biblical Hebrew
- HEBR 240: Biblical Hebrew II
- HEBR 340: Advanced Israeli Hebrew I
- HEBR 350: Advanced Israeli Hebrew II
- HEBR 410: Studies in Modern Hebrew Literature
- HEBR 420: Studies in Modern Hebrew
- HEBR 490: Independent Study
- YDSH 104: Elementary Yiddish I
- YDSH 108: Elementary Yiddish II

Minor Hours & Minor GPA

While completing all required courses, minors must also meet each of the following hour and grade-point average minimum standards:

Minor Hours

Satisfied by 18 hours of minor courses.

Minor Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 9 junior/senior (300+) hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior (300+) Hours

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### Cross-Referenced Courses

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