

JEWISH STUDIES, BA

The Jewish Studies Program provides an opportunity for students to study the Jewish experience from several perspectives including: language (Hebrew, Yiddish, and Ladino), literature in the original languages and in translation, the history and culture of the Jewish people from Biblical Israel to 21st-century America and modern Israel, the exploration of Jewish law, and the roles of gender and sex in Judaism. Students may specialize in Jewish Studies through a major or a minor, or through one of the following concentrations: Jewish History within the History Department, Hebraica/Judaica within the Department of Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations, and Judaism within the Department of Religious Studies.

The minimum total course units (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/credits-needed-major/>) for graduation in this major is 34. Double majors may entail more course units.

For more information: <http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/jwst/undergraduate> (<http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/jwst/undergraduate/>)

For information about the General Education requirements, please visit the College of Arts & Sciences Curriculum (<https://www.college.upenn.edu/curriculum/>) page.

Code	Title	Course Units
College General Education Requirements and Free Electives		
Foundational Approaches + Sectors ¹ + Free Electives		20
Major Requirements		
<i>Language</i>		
Select 4 course units for proficiency in Hebrew or Yiddish language ²		4
<i>History</i>		
Select 3 course units of History from at least two different periods:		3
JWST 156/ HIST 139	Jews and Judaism in Antiquity	
JWST 157/ HIST 140	Medieval and Early Modern Jewry	
JWST 158/ HIST 141	Jews in the Modern World	
<i>Literature</i>		
Select 3 course units of Literature in original language or translation with one course from each of the following periods:		3
Biblical Period		
Rabbinic or Medieval Period		
Modern Period		
<i>Religion or Culture</i>		
Select 3 course units of Religion or Culture (NELC, ANTH, FOLK, RELS, HIST)		3
<i>Senior Seminar</i>		
JWST 390	Senior Research Seminar	1
Total Course Units		34

- ¹ You may count no more than one course toward both a Major and a Sector requirement. For Exceptions, check the Policy Statement (<http://www.college.upenn.edu/sectors-policy/>).
- ² May be taken as 4 course units of Electives only if the language requirement has been fulfilled.

Honors

Minimum overall GPA must be 3.0 and in major related courses the minimum GPA must be 3.5.

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JWST 399	Senior Honors Thesis	1

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2020 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.