

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS  
JEWISH STUDIES MAJOR**

33 Hours

- A. Prerequisite: JWST 330: Introduction to Jewish Studies (may be taken as JWST 330, HIST 302, or POL 493).....3 Cr. Hrs.
- B. The following courses are required for the major.....12 Cr. Hrs.  
Four semesters of Hebrew (HEBR 101, 102, 201, 202 [Modern Hebrew] or HEBR 121, 122, 221, 222 [Biblical Hebrew])
- C. Eighteen (18) additional hours selected from five subject areas out of the seven listed below. No more than two courses can be taken from any one subject area. At least twelve credit hours must be at the 300, 400, or 500 levels..... 18 Cr. Hrs.

**ENGLISH**

264	The Bible as Literature	3 Cr. Hrs.
462	The Bible as Literature: The Old Testament	3 Cr. Hrs.
463	The Bible as Literature: The New Testament	3 Cr. Hrs.
583	Jewish-American Fiction	3 Cr. Hrs.
590*	Directed Readings in English	1-3 Cr. Hrs.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES**

HEBR 101	Modern Hebrew I	3 Cr. Hrs.
HEBR 102	Modern Hebrew II	3 Cr. Hrs.
HEBR 201	Modern Hebrew III	3 Cr. Hrs.
HEBR 202	Modern Hebrew IV	3 Cr. Hrs.
HEBR 121	Biblical Hebrew I	3 Cr. Hrs.
HEBR 122	Biblical Hebrew II	3 Cr. Hrs.
HEBR 221	Biblical Hebrew III	3 Cr. Hrs.
HEBR 222	Biblical Hebrew IV	3 Cr. Hrs.
HEBR 284	Ancient Near Eastern History and Culture	3 Cr. Hrs.
HEBR 380	Modern Israel: Cinema, Literature, Politics, and History	3 Cr. Hrs.
HEBR 383	Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism: Secret Knowledge in Judaism	3 Cr. Hrs.
HEBR 385	The Holocaust in Modern Hebrew Literature	3 Cr. Hrs.
590*	Directed Readings in Foreign Languages	1-4 Cr. Hrs.
593*	Special Topics in Literature	1-4 Cr. Hrs.

**HISTORY**

103	Introduction to the Medieval World	3 Cr. Hrs.
245	Introduction to Middle East History and Culture	3 Cr. Hrs.
312	The Crusades	3 Cr. Hrs.
345	The Modernization of the Middle East	3 Cr. Hrs.
390	Jews in the Modern World	3 Cr. Hrs.
408	History of Europe since 1920	3 Cr. Hrs.
427	History of Spain and Portugal	3 Cr. Hrs.
495*	Research Seminar in Historical Topics: Middle East History	3 Cr. Hrs.
525	Hitler and Twentieth Century Germany	3 Cr. Hrs.
545	The Middle East in the Twentieth Century	3 Cr. Hrs.
589	History of Religion in America	3 Cr. Hrs.
590*	Directed Readings in History	3 Cr. Hrs.

**HISTORY**

595	The Holocaust and Genocide	3 Cr. Hrs.
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**JEWISH STUDIES**

590*	Directed Readings in Jewish Studies	3 Cr. Hrs.
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**PHILOSOPHY**

206	Philosophy of Religion	3 Cr. Hrs.
231	Religions of the West	3 Cr. Hrs.
430	Modern Religious (Jewish) Thought	3 Cr. Hrs.
505	Islamic and Jewish Philosophy and the Classical Tradition	3 Cr. Hrs.
590*	Directed Readings in Philosophy	1-3 Cr. Hrs.

**POLITICAL SCIENCE**

304	Israel and World Politics	3 Cr. Hrs.
540*	Selected Problems in Comparative Politics	3 Cr. Hrs.
543	Politics of Cultural Conflict	3 Cr. Hrs.
590*	Directed Readings in Political Science	1-4 Cr. Hrs.
595	The Holocaust and Genocide	3 Cr. Hrs.

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

202	Interpretation of the Old Testament	3 Cr. Hrs.
231	Religions of the West	3 Cr. Hrs.
317	Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity	3 Cr. Hrs.
318	The Bible and Its Early Interpreters	3 Cr. Hrs.

**SOCIOLOGY**

310	Racial and Ethnic Diversity	3 Cr. Hrs.
367	Religion in America	3 Cr. Hrs.
514	Racial and Cultural Minorities	3 Cr. Hrs.
567	Religion in Social Context	3 Cr. Hrs.
568	Religion and Society	3 Cr. Hrs.
590*	Individual Research Problems	1-3 Cr. Hrs.

\* Courses marked with \* are variable title and credit courses. They are generally individualized programs of instruction requiring the consent of the instructor. These courses may be applied to the Jewish Studies Major only in cases where content is extensively relevant to Jewish Studies. They require the permission of the Director of the Jewish Studies Program before they may be applied to the Jewish Studies Major.

**Total Credit Hours for the Jewish Studies Major.....33**

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