

# JEWISH STUDIES

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## Minor in Jewish Studies

The Minor in Jewish Studies offers students from any major on the SSU campus a cross-disciplinary concentration in the study of Jewish religion, culture, and people. Jewish Studies is by its very nature an interdisciplinary field of study, blending courses from a wide range of academic disciplines and perspectives. For a minor in Jewish studies, students must take two core courses and fourteen additional elective units of courses from at least two different areas of study.

Minor Core Requirements	Units
JWST 200 Introduction to Jewish Studies	3
JWST 350 Jewish Religion and Biblical Values	3
<b>Total units in the minor core</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Elective units in the minor</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Total units in the minor</b>	<b>20</b>

## Minor Electives

In addition to the core, choose 14 units of electives from other Jewish Studies courses in at least two of the following areas of study:

1) religion, philosophy, values; 2) language; 3) history; 4) culture and society. All SSU majors may select the minor in Jewish Studies. Additional courses may be counted toward the minor with approval of the Jewish Studies program coordinator. Courses not designated for a particular area of study will be assigned an area of study by the program coordinator based on the course content. Cross-listed courses listed below without the JWST designation will count for the Jewish Studies minor pending approval of the Jewish Studies program coordinator.

## Course Offerings and Areas of Study

### 1) Religion, Philosophy, and Values

	Units
AMCS 481 Religion and Spirituality	4
JWST 250 Introduction to Judaism	4
JWST 251 Topics in Jewish Biblical Studies	3-4
JWST 351 Topics in Jewish Religion	4
JWST 352 Topics in Jewish Thought	4
JWST 391 Topics in Comparative Religion	4

PHIL 295 Studies in Modern Philosophy	3
PHIL 335 Religion, Spirituality, and Social Justice	3
PHIL 350 Topics in Moral Philosophy	3
PHIL 390 Advanced Topics in Philosophy	3
SOCI 431 Sociology of Religion	4

### 2) Language

	Units
JWST 101 Elementary Modern Hebrew I	3-4
JWST 102 Elementary Modern Hebrew II	4
JWST 201 Intermediate Hebrew I	4
JWST 202 Intermediate Hebrew II	4
JWST 301 Topics in Advanced Hebrew	4
HIST 487 Introduction to Egyptian Language and Culture	4
LING 432 Language in Sociopolitical Context	4

### 3) History

	Units
JWST 241 Jewish History I	4
JWST 242 Jewish History II	4
JWST 341 Topics in Jewish History	4
JWST 342 The Jewish Diaspora	4
AMCS 370 Topics in Ethnic/Multicultural Studies	4
HIST 303 The Ancient Near Eastern Texts	4
HIST 304 History of the Arabs to 1453	4
HIST 349 Historical Themes	2-4
HIST 371 Tolerance and Intolerance in Europe	2-4
HIST 375 Special Topics and Themes in American History	1-4
HIST 469 Religion in America	4
HIST 482 Judaism and Christianity in the Formative Period	4

### 4) Culture and Society

	Units
JWST 330 American Jewish Experience	4
JWST 360 Jewish Literature	3
JWST 361 Topics in Jewish Literature	4
JWST 381 Topics in Jewish Art, Film, Music, Culture, and Society	3-4
JWST 421 Topics in Israeli Art, Film, Music, Culture, and Society	3-4
AMCS 330 Multicultural History of the United States	4
AMCS 470 Advanced Studies in Ethnic Culture	4
ANTH 358 Topics in Sociocultural Anthropology	4
ARTH 461 Selected Topics in Film	3
ARTH 474 Islamic Art	3-4
ARTH 480 Selected Topics in Art History	1-4
ENGL 472 Studies in the Novel	4
ENGL 482 Studies in American Literature: Jewish Literature-Home and Exile	4
ENGL 483 Individual Authors: American	4
GEOG 396 Special Topics in Area Studies: Middle East	4
MUS 343 Studies in Musical Genres: Yiddish Musical Theater	3
MUS 370 Music and Dance in the World's Religions	3
POLS 446 International Relations of the Middle East: Israel, Palestine, United States	4

POLS 486 Selected Issues in International Politics	3-4
SOCI 305 Perspectives on the Holocaust and Genocide	4
THAR 430 Special Topics	1-3
WGS 311 Special Topics in Women and Gender Studies	1-4

***Other courses with area to be designated***

<b><i>based on course content</i></b>	<b><i>Units</i></b>
JWST 331 Topics in Jewish American Studies	3-4
JWST 371 Topics in Jewish Studies	3-4
JWST 431 Advanced Topics in Jewish American Studies	4
ITDS 297 Selected Topics	1-4
ITDS 397 Selected Topics	1-4