Jewish Studies Minor

The Minor in Jewish Studies offers a broad overview of the principal aspects of Jewish Studies as a field. Students are encouraged to take courses in a variety of areas through a combination of required fields and general electives. The fifteen credits towards the Minor in Jewish Studies are to be distributed as follows:

- History: 3 credits
- Literature: 3 credits
- Thought, religion, or cultural studies: 3 credits
- Electives: 6 credits

A list of qualifying courses in each category, drawn from the current Undergraduate Catalog, is appended. The Director of the Program may approve other courses by petition.

A minimum of nine credits must be at the upper level.

All credits must be earned with a C or above.

Up to three credits of lower-level Hebrew or Yiddish language study may be credited toward the Minor. In exceptional cases, students may petition to have other languages included.

Restrictions:
- Students enrolled in the Jewish Studies Major are not eligible to enroll in the Minor.
- At least six credits of upper-level credit must be taken at the University of Maryland.
- No more than six credits may be taken at an institution other than Maryland.
- In keeping with University policy, no more than six credits may be also be applied to a major.
- At least one course from at least two of the three listed program areas must be a permanently numbered course.

3. Administration

The Minor in Jewish is administered by the Jewish Studies Program. Oversight of the program is the responsibility of the Director of the Program or, should such an office be created, the Director of Undergraduate Studies. In either case, the coordinator for the program will be a regular member of the faculty, although the Director may appoint a non-faculty advisor to assist with record-keeping and day-to-day advising.
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The following may be applied toward the distribution requirements for the Minor in Jewish Studies. Special-Topics courses are offered on a regular basis and may be applied to the Minor with the Director's permission. Courses that appear more than once below may only be counted toward the minor once.

History
JWST 121: Jewish Civilization
JWST 141: American Jewish Experience
JWST 227: 227 Reconstructing the Civilization of Ancient Mesopotamia
JWST 230: Introduction to the Rabbinic Movement: History and Culture
JWST 234: History of the Jewish People I
JWST 235: History of the Jewish People II
JWST 275: The Jew and the City through the Centuries
JWST 324: Biblical History and Culture
JWST 325: Jews and Judaism in Antiquity I
JWST 326: Jews and Judaism in Antiquity II
JWST 331: Early Christianity: Jesus to Constantine
JWST 342: History of Zionism and the State of Israel
JWST 343: Modern Jewish History I
JWST 344: Modern Jewish History II
JWST 345: The Holocaust of European Jewry

Literature
JWST 171: The Modern Jewish Experience Through Literature
JWST 262: The Hebrew Bible: Narrative
JWST 263: The Hebrew Bible: Poetry
JWST 270: Fantasy and Supernatural in Jewish Literature
JWST 272: Jewish Literature in Translation
JWST 376: Literature of the Holocaust

Thought, religion, or cultural studies
JWST 230: Introduction to the Rabbinic Movement: History and Culture
JWST 250: Fundamental Concepts of Judaism
JWST 251: Authority, Faith, and Reason in Judaism
JWST 451: Issues in Jewish Ethics and Law
JWST 452: The Golden Age of Jewish Philosophy
JWST 453: Philosophy of Spinoza
JWST 491: Judaism and the Construction of Gender
JWST 493: Jewish Women in International Perspective