

Jewish Studies, Certificate

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Gain a deeper understanding of Jewish history and religion, Jewish interactions with majority cultures and the Jewish contribution to contemporary society. Enhance your historical and cultural appreciation for Jews and Judaism through this globally focused program.

Description

The Jewish studies certificate program examines the history and culture of the Jews, generates and facilitates research on Judaica and provides a model for transdisciplinary teaching and research.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

Program requirements

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The certificate in Jewish studies requires a minimum of 21 credit hours in approved coursework. At least 12 upper-division hours are required. At least six upper-division hours must be in courses offered by The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. A minimum grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) is required in each course used toward the certificate.

Language Requirement -- 6 credit hours

Students must complete two semesters of the same language (6-10 credit hours).

[ARB 101: Elementary Arabic I \(G\)](#) AND [ARB 102: Elementary Arabic II \(G\)](#) (10)

[GER 101: Elementary German I \(G\)](#) AND [GER 102: Elementary German II \(G\)](#) (8)

[HEB 101: Elementary Modern Hebrew I \(G\)](#) AND [HEB 102: Elementary Modern Hebrew II \(G\)](#) (8)
[HEB 133 / JST 133 / REL 133: Elementary Biblical Hebrew \(G\)](#) AND [HEB 233 / JST 233 / REL 233: Intermediate Biblical Hebrew \(G\)](#) (6)
[PLC 101](#) AND [PLC 102: Elementary Polish](#) (8)
[RUS 101: Elementary Russian I](#) AND [RUS 102: Elementary Russian II](#) (10)
[SPA 101: Elementary Spanish I \(G\)](#) AND [SPA 102: Elementary Spanish II \(G\)](#) (8)

Jewish Studies Electives (choose five courses) -- 15 credit hours

Upper Division Electives (12)

Electives (3)

Students choose five courses from the list below. At least 12 credit hours must be upper division.

[ENG 333: American Jewish Literature during the Cold War](#) (3)
[ENG 356: The Bible as Literature](#) (3)
[HEB 333 / JST 333 / REL 333: Biblical Hebrew Literature I \(G\)](#) (3)
[HEB 334 / JST 334 / REL 334: Biblical Hebrew Literature II \(G\)](#) (3)
[HEB 375: Contemporary Culture of Israel \(HU & G\)](#) (3)
[HST 302: Jews, Christians & Muslims in Early Modern World](#) (3)
[HST 302: Jews, Christians & Muslims in the Medieval World](#) (3)
[HST 304: Exiles, Migrants, Refugees in Jewish History](#) (3)
[HST 304: History of Antisemitism](#) (3)
[HST 304: Jews and Christians in the Middle Ages](#) (3)
[HST 304: Nazi Germany](#) (3)
[HST 304: Rebirth of European Jewish Life after 1950](#) (3)
[HST 358: Jewish History from Antiquity to 1492 \(SB & H\)](#) (3)
[HST 359: Jewish History from 1492 to 1948 \(SB & G & H\)](#) (3)
[HST 372: Modern Middle East \(GCSI OR SB & G & H\)](#) (3)
[HST 436: Rise & Fall of Soviet Communism \(SB & G & H\)](#) (3)
[JST 210 / REL 210: Introduction to Judaism \(HU & H\)](#) (3)
[JST 211 / HST 211 / REL 211: Jews and Judaism in America \(SB & H & C\)](#) (3)
[JST 230 / HST 230 / REL 230: Introduction to Jewish Civilization \(GCSI OR HU & H & G\)](#) (3)
[JST 302: Studies in History](#) (3)
[JST 304: Studies in European History](#) (3)
[JST 314 / HST 390 / PHI 390 / REL 314: Jewish Philosophy](#) (3)
[JST 315 / REL 315: Hebrew Bible \(Old Testament\) \(HUAD OR \(L or HU\) & H\)](#) (3)
[JST 316 / ENG 316 / HEB 316 / REL 316: Literary Readings of the Hebrew Bible \(L or HU\)](#) (3)
[JST 346 / FMS 349 / HEB 349: Israeli Wars in Israeli Movies \(HU & G\)](#) (3)
[JST 347 / ENG 347 / HEB 347 / SLC 347: Modern Israeli Literature in Translation \(HU & G\)](#) (3)
[JST 348 / HEB 348 / REL 311 / SLC 348: Israeli Society and Culture \(HU & G\)](#) (3)
[JST 349 / HPS 349 / REL 349 / SOS 349: Nature, Sustainability and Religion \(SUST\)](#) (3)
[JST 369 / HST 369 / REL 312: History and Memory of the Holocaust](#) (3)
[JST 411 / HEB 411 / REL 411: Judaism and the Beginnings of Christianity \(HU & H\)](#) (3)
[JST 445 / FMS 445 / GER 445 / SLC 445: Holocaust, War and German Memory \(HU\)](#) (3)
[JST 460 / HST 460: World War II \(HUAD OR HU & H & G\)](#) (3)

JST 491: History of Antisemitism (3)
JST 495: Judaism, Science and World Religions (3)
JST 496: Biblical Narratives: Literary Approaches (3)
JUS 374: The Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights (3)
REL 207: Ritual, Symbol, and Myth (HUAD OR L or HU) (3)
REL 310: Western Religious Traditions (HU & H) (3)
REL 385: Contemporary Western Religious Thought (HU) (3)
REL 410: Judaism in Modern Times (HU & H) (3)
SLC 320: Compassion: A Dialogue Between the Humanities, the Sciences and the Arts (HU) (3)
STS 364: Science, Technology, and National Security (SB) (3)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment requirements

Incompatible Majors: BA in Jewish studies

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Career opportunities

Students become more marketable to employers when they complement their major program of study with an undergraduate certificate.

Through a certificate in Jewish studies, students gain a familiarity with Jewish culture, which gives them a competitive edge when they pursue a career with one of the hundreds of U.S. companies that do business in Israel.

These students are also prepared to:

- attend rabbinic seminary in preparation for becoming a rabbi or chaplain
- engage in world political and economic issues
- pursue advanced education in Jewish professional service fields

The certificate also provides a foundation for students who wish to pursue advanced degrees or careers related to their area of interest in fields that may include archeology, history, justice studies, journalism, law and international relations. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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