Why minor in Jewish Studies?

Jewish Studies at Delaware is an intellectually compelling, interdisciplinary program that offers a broad range of courses in Jewish culture, especially its literature, language, and history, as well as its ethics, politics, and philosophy. The program’s courses explore the development of Jewish civilization over the course of three millennia, from its ancient origins to contemporary forms in the United States, Israel and in communities around the world. The study of Jewish history and culture provides a window for engaging with profound questions, including the impact of modernization on traditional Jewish life, as well as the critical contributions that Jews have made to the modern world.

Uniqueness of Our Program

Jewish Studies is a uniquely interdisciplinary field at Delaware. Our courses are cross-listed and taught by faculty in the departments of History, English, Philosophy, Political Science, Languages & Literatures, and others. This diverse range of disciplines allows the Jewish Studies Minor to enrich many majors at the University. Courses range from small seminars to large lectures. Course curriculum is enhanced by cultural events and lectures that bring innovative scholars and artists to campus to share their work and participate in the intellectual life of the university. The University’s Special Collections at Morris Library also provide students and faculty with rare access to the papers of world-famous American Jewish writers.
The Jewish Studies Minor Curriculum:

The Jewish Studies Minor requires a minimum of sixteen credits, or six courses. There is only one required course for the minor, the one-credit JWST 201: Issues and Ideas in Jewish Studies, offered every spring semester. You may choose any other courses offered by the Jewish Studies Program to satisfy the remainder of their required credits.

Students have the option of completing a Jewish Studies Minor with Hebrew Language. To qualify for the Jewish Studies Minor with Hebrew Language, you must complete HEBR 107: Intermediate Hebrew.

You may also create your own concentration within Jewish Studies with the approval of the program director. Examples of possible concentrations include, but are not limited to: Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Modern Jewish Culture, the Jewish Diaspora, or Gender in Jewish History and Experience.

COURSES THAT SATISFY THE JEWISH STUDIES MINOR:

HEBREW LANGUAGE
HEBR/JWST 105 - Hebrew I (Elementary)
HEBR/JWST 106 - Hebrew II (Elementary/Intermediate)
HEBR/JWST 107 - Hebrew III (Intermediate)
HEBR/JWST 205 - Hebrew Conversation

JEWISH HISTORY & POLITICS
HIST/JWST 146 - Introduction to Jewish Culture & History
HIST/JWST 222 - Religion in Modern America
HIST/JWST 250 - Comparative Genocide
HIST/JWST 254 - The Jewish Holocaust: 1933-1945
HIST/JWST 327 - American Jewish History
HIST 327/JWST 310 - Antisemitism Past and Present
HIST/JWST 363 - Modern Jewish History
HIST/JWST 398 - Jews, Muslims and Christians in the Middle Ages
HIST/JWST 380 - History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict
POSC/JWST 377 - Arab/Israeli Politics
POSC/JWST 482 - America in the Middle East
SOC/JWST 360 - Sociology of Religion
WOMS/JWST 303 - Women in the Holocaust

JEWISH THOUGHT & PHILOSOPHY
JWST 101 - Introduction to Judaism
JWST 201 - Issues & Ideas in Jewish Studies
JWST 107 - Intermediate Hebrew
PHIL/JWST 208 - Introductions to Jewish Philosophy
PHIL/JWST 308 - Topics in Jewish Philosophy
PHIL 204 - World Religions

JEWISH LITERATURE & CULTURE
ENG/JWST 202 - Biblical and Classical Literature
ENG/JWST 348 - Twentieth Century Jewish-American Literature
ENG/JWST 349 - Introduction to Jewish Sources
ENG/JWST 350 - Topics in Jewish Literature
FLLT/JWST 333 - Israeli Film
FLLT/JWST 345 - Modern Israeli History and Culture
MUSC/JWST 225 - Jewish Music
THTR/JWST 212 - American Pop Culture and the Jews