

Curriculum map
Judaic Studies / Judaic Studies

Learning outcomes (LOs): Having completed a major in Judaic Studies, a student will be able to:

1. Identify, describe and explain Jewish experiences, achievements and challenges in various historical, social, religious, political and cultural contexts.
2. Explain how Jewish communities have transformed throughout time and in different places.
3. Demonstrate at least 2nd-year language competence in a language of Jewish culture (typically Hebrew, either classical or modern; or another Jewish language such as Yiddish or Ladino); identify and explain the significance of language in assessing Jewish culture(s).
4. Read and critically analyze primary sources and current scholarly literature, applying appropriate theoretical and methodological tools in the academic study of Judaism.
5. Make an effective and valid argument in speech and writing: one that successfully establishes a premise and supports the premise with appropriate and persuasive evidence.

Key: I = introduces outcome; D = develops outcome; A = assesses mastery of outcome

Course(s)	Title/description	LO 1	LO 2	LO 3	LO 4	LO 5
HEB 111-113	First Year Biblical Hebrew	I		I,D	D,A	
REL 211	Early Judaism	I	D		I	I
JDST 212	Medieval and Early Modern Jewish History	D	D		D	I
JDST 213	The Encounter with Modernity	D	D		D	D
REL 222	Introduction to the Study of the Bible	I	I		I	D
HEB 311-399	Biblical and Post-Biblical Hebrew Literature			A	A	
300-level electives	various	A	D		A	D
400-level electives	various	A	A		A	A

General Education offerings

Judaic Studies

General Education courses in Judaic Studies (>1, >2, IC, IP) promote literacy about Judaism—in its diverse cultural expressions from antiquity through the present. In our General Education offerings we train students to read critically both primary texts and current scholarly literature on the history, religion, cultural traditions, and contemporary issues of Judaism and the Jewish people. We promote critical thinking among students so that they understand how social, economic, and political transformations within the larger world affect Jewish communities and cultures, and how Jewish communities and their contributions also affect the larger world. We train students to reason logically and communicate clearly about Judaism, its history, and the many cultures associated with it.