

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, BALAS

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences Major in Interdisciplinary Studies

Students pursuing this major select one of two concentrations:

- Jewish Studies Concentration (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/interdisciplinary-studies-balas/jewish-studies/>)
- Medieval Studies Concentration (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/interdisciplinary-studies-balas/medieval-studies/>)

Requirements

Elect one of the concentrations offered within the major and file a concentration declaration with the LAS Student Academic Affairs Office no later than the end of the first semester of the junior year. Students who do not begin work on concentration requirements by the junior year will be at a disadvantage.

Select specific courses counted toward completion of a concentration with the advice and approval of the concentration advisor, subject to specific concentration requirements. Students are strongly encouraged also to enroll in 6-7 hours of Western civilization (HIST 140 or HIST 141 and HIST 142 or HIST 143, or CWL 241 and CWL 242).

For the elected concentration, complete the stated minimum number of hours in courses applicable toward the major and in accord with the concentration requirements; at least 25 hours must be at the 200, 300 or 400 level.

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Interdisciplinary Studies: Medieval Studies, BALAS

After completing this program, students will have:

- 1. A broad and deep knowledge of the world's medieval cultures (ca. 500 - ca. 1500 CE).**
- 2. An understanding of the periods and movements, institutions, material culture, ideas, beliefs, and values of the diverse cultures that comprise the medieval globe.**
- 3. A capstone experience involving original research in a medieval topic.**

Interdisciplinary Studies: Jewish Studies, BALAS

After completing this program, students will have:

- 1. A broad and deep knowledge of Jewish cultures, history, and religion, covering topics from Biblical Hebrew and the Holocaust to Jewish literature, cinema, and modern ideologies.**
- 2. An understanding of the periods and movements, literatures and cultures, religious practices, and the values and beliefs of diverse Jewish communities around the globe.**
- 3. An opportunity to study the Hebrew language and Yiddish.**

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Overview of College Admissions & Requirements: Liberal Arts & Sciences
(<http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/academic-units/>)

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences website (<https://las.illinois.edu/>)