

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES: JEWISH STUDIES, BALAS

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences in Interdisciplinary Studies, Jewish Studies Concentration

The Program in Jewish Culture & Society (<https://jewishculture.illinois.edu/>) sponsors this concentration. This concentration provides the student with knowledge of the Hebrew language, the opportunity to begin a study of Yiddish, and a broad appreciation of Jewish religion, culture, and history.

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All substitutions must be approved by the Advisor in the Program in Jewish Culture and Society Office (<https://jewishculture.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate/jewish-studies-major/>). Substitution for specific courses listed will be approved by the concentration advisor only in exceptional cases.

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Departmental distinction: To be eligible for graduation with distinction, a student must have a college grade point average of 3.5, a major concentration grade point average of 3.5, completion of HUM 498 with a grade of A, and completion of a semester paper in HUM 498 that is judged to be deserving of "distinction" by a committee of at least two faculty members.

High distinction: To be eligible for graduation with high distinction, a student must have a college grade point average of 3.5, a major concentration grade point average of 3.7, and must have completed HUM 492 (instead of HUM 498) with a grade of A and a thesis in HUM 492 that is judged to be deserving of "high distinction" by a committee of at least two faculty members.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours.

Minimum hours required major and supporting course work: normally equates to 45-51 hours. Twelve hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be taken on this campus.

University Requirements

The university and residency requirements can be found in the Student Code (<https://studentcode.illinois.edu/article3/part8/3-801/>) (§

3-801) and in the Academic Catalog (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

General Education Requirements

Follows the campus General Education (Gen Ed) requirements (<https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/>). Some Gen Ed requirements may be met by courses required and/or electives in the program.

Code	Title	Hours
	Composition I	4-6
	Advanced Composition	3
	Humanities & the Arts (6 hours)	6
	Natural Sciences & Technology (6 hours)	6
	Social & Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)	6
	Cultural Studies: Non-Western Cultures (1 course)	3
	Cultural Studies: US Minority Cultures (1 course)	3
	Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Cultures (1 course)	3
	Quantitative Reasoning (2 courses, at least one course must be Quantitative Reasoning I)	6-10
	Language Requirement (Completion of the fourth semester or equivalent of a language other than English, or completion of the third semester in two different languages other than English is required)	0-20

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
JS 199	Undergraduate Open Seminar (An Independent Study experience to be arranged with a Jewish Studies affiliated faculty member)	3
	Hebrew and/or Yiddish language courses, including:	26-29
HEBR 201	Elementary Modern Hebrew I	
HEBR 202	Elementary Modern Hebrew II	
HEBR 403	Intermediate Modern Hebrew I	
HEBR 404	Intermediate Modern Hebrew II	
HEBR 405	Advanced Modern Hebrew I	
or YDSH 101	Beginning Yiddish I	
REL 205	Intensive Biblical Hebrew	
or HEBR 406	Advanced Modern Hebrew II	
or YDSH 102	Beginning Yiddish II	
	One course at the 100 or 200 level from each of the following clusters in the Jewish Studies Minor: Religion, Culture, and History. List maintained by the Advisor in the Program in Jewish Culture and Society Office.	9
	Three courses at the 300 level or above from any of the four clusters in the Jewish Studies Minor: Religion, Culture, History, and Language. List maintained by the Advisor in the Program in Jewish Culture and Society Office.	9

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Sample Sequence

This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a fourth level of a language other than English. See the corresponding section on the Degree and General Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

First Year

First Semester	Hours
Free Elective course	1
HEBR 201	5
Language Other Than English (3rd level)	4
General Education course or Composition I	3
Free Elective course	3
Total Hours	16

Total Hours 16

First Year

Second Semester	Hours
General Education course	3
HEBR 202	5
Language Other Than English (4th level)	4
General Education course or Composition I 4	4
Total Hours	16

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Second Year

First Semester	Hours
HEBR 403	5
100 - 200 level Jewish Studies	3
History course	
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	4
Total Hours	15

Total Hours 15

Second Year

Second Semester	Hours
JS 199	3
HEBR 404	5
General Education course	3

General Education course	3
Total Hours	14

Total Hours 14

Third Year

First Semester	Hours
HEBR 405 or YDSH 101	3
100 - 200 level Jewish Studies	3
Religion course	
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
Total Hours	12

Total Hours 12

Third Year

Second Semester	Hours
REL 205, HEBR 406, or YDSH 102	5
100 - 200 level Jewish Studies	3
Culture course	
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
Total Hours	17

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Fourth Year

First Semester	Hours
300 - level or above Jewish Studies	3
Cluster course	
300 - level or above Jewish Studies	3
Cluster course	
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course	3
Total Hours	15

Total Hours 15

Fourth Year

Second Semester	Hours
300 - level or above Jewish Studies	3
Cluster course	
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
Free Elective course	3
Total Hours	15

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Total Hours: 120

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1. Acquire knowledge of the main concepts in Judaism and Jewish culture.
2. Become conversant in the most significant events in Jewish history from antiquity to the present.
3. Acquire fluency, or almost fluency, in Jewish languages, such as Hebrew and Yiddish.
4. Develop critical reading skills, including the ability to approach primary texts and secondary literature with critical analysis.
5. Enhance their ability to identify the main argument of scholarly books and articles.
6. Develop rhetorical skills and strategies to convey their opinion on matters in Jewish history, culture, and religion.

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The Program in Jewish Culture & Society (<https://jewishculture.illinois.edu/>)

Jewish Culture & Society faculty (<https://jewishculture.illinois.edu/directory/affiliate-faculty/>)

Jewish Studies advising (<https://jewishculture.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate/jewish-studies-major/>)

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Overview of Admissions & Requirements for the college of LAS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/academic-units/>)