

Jewish Studies, Minor

DEPARTMENT

MN in History, Minor
BA in History, B.A.
MA in History, M.A.
MA in History - Teaching Option, M.A.
MN in Jewish Studies, Minor
CERT in American History, Certificate of Adv. Study

REQUIREMENTS

Department of History

Jewish Studies Minor Requirements

The Jewish Studies Program encourages Fresno State students from all backgrounds to study the many dimensions of Jewish heritage and its contemporary contexts. Course offerings explore the diverse experiences, contributions, and challenges of the Jewish people, from ancient to modern times in Israel, and across the global locations of the Jewish diaspora, including the wider Middle East, Europe, North Africa, and the Americas. A focus on the vibrant traditions and practices of Jewish people – who are themselves a diverse, transnational, multi-cultural group – heightens sensitivity to minority perspectives, encourages interdisciplinary thinking, and sheds light on the impact of cross-cultural contact and exchanges. The Jewish Studies Program thus provides information, concepts, and approaches that can aid understanding about a range of comparative ethnic and religious minority identities. The program also raises awareness about the local Jewish community's presence amidst the wonderful diversity of California's San Joaquin Valley.

The Minor in Jewish Studies augments students' major coursework and prepares students for graduate education, especially in history, Jewish Studies, international relations, religious studies, and philosophy, as well as professional training and careers in teaching, law, public sector administration, service and advocacy, foreign service and diplomacy, museums, religious organizations, business, human resources, and creative fields.

Students earn a Minor in Jewish Studies from the College of Social Sciences by taking courses in Jewish history, religion, culture, politics and/or Hebrew language and completing all courses with a grade of C or better. The minor requires a total of 15 units from at least two disciplines, with a minimum of one lower-division course (3 units) and two upper division courses (6 units). The remaining courses (6 units) may be selected from any lower- or upper-division electives.

Lower-Division (3 units)

Select from: HEBR 1A, 1B or JS 10

Upper-Division (6 units)

Select from: COMS 101I (or approved internship course), ENGL 112, 116, 179; HIST 103, 107, 115, 140, 186; HUM 118; JS 100W, 118T; HIST 154/JS 154; HIST 181; MCJ 177T; PAX 100; PHIL 131, 134, 158; SOC 111, 169; or relevant topics courses (approved by the program coordinator)

Electives (6 units)

Any lower- or upper-division courses

Total (15 units)

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FACULTY

The Department of History has more than 15 faculty members offering a wide variety of courses in the history of Europe, the United States, Latin America, the British Empire, Africa, the Middle East, and the Far East, as well as courses in intellectual and cultural history, social history, military history, and the history of women.

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.

The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.