

# JEWISH STUDIES MINOR

## Description

Jewish studies is an interdisciplinary program housed in the Norman and Bernice Harris Center for Judaic Studies. The minor in Jewish studies is for students of diverse disciplinary backgrounds who are interested in Jewish cultures and peoples, past and present; the ways in which Judaism and other religious traditions have influenced each other, Near Eastern and Middle Eastern history and politics; and/or the origins and effects of anti-Semitism and other forms of discrimination. Courses in Jewish studies are offered by cooperating faculty in departments in the College of Arts and Sciences, including anthropology, classics, English, history, modern languages and literatures, philosophy, political science, psychology, religious studies, and sociology. Language courses in Biblical Hebrew are available. Students minoring in Jewish studies are eligible for several scholarships awarded by the Harris Center for Judaic Studies.

## Academic and Career Advising

### Academic and Career Advising Center

Not sure where to go or who to ask? The Advising Center team in 107 Oldfather Hall can help. The Academic and Career Advising Center is the undergraduate hub for CAS students in all majors. Centrally located and easily accessed, students encounter friendly, knowledgeable people who are eager to help or connect students to partner resources. Students also visit the Advising Center in 107 Oldfather Hall to:

- Choose or change their major, minor, or degree program.
- Check on policies, procedures, and deadlines.
- Get a college approval signature from the Dean's representatives.

CAS Career Coaches are available by appointment (in-person or Zoom) and located in the CAS Academic and Career Advising Center, 107 Oldfather Hall. They help students explore majors and minors, gain experience, and develop a plan for life after graduation.

### Assigned Academic Advisors

Academic advisors are critical resources dedicated to students' academic, personal, and professional success. Every CAS student is assigned an academic advisor based on their primary major. Since most CAS students have more than just a single major, it is important to get to know the advisor for any minors or additional majors. Academic advisors work closely with the faculty to provide the best overall support and the discipline specific expertise. They are available for appointments (in-person or Zoom) and through weekly virtual drop-ins. Assigned advisors are listed in MyRED (<https://its.unl.edu/myunl/>) and their offices may be located in or near the department of the major for which they advise.

Students who have declared a pre-health or pre-law area of interest will also work with advisors in the Exploratory and Pre-Professional Advising Center (Explore Center) in 127 Love South, who are specially trained to guide students preparing to enter a professional school.

For complete and current information on advisors for majors, minors, or pre-professional areas, visit <https://cas.unl.edu/major-advisors> (<https://cas.unl.edu/major-advisors/>), or connect with the Arts and Sciences Academic and Career Advising Center, 107 Oldfather Hall, 402-472-4190, [casadvising@unl.edu](mailto:casadvising@unl.edu).

## Career Coaching

The College believes that **Academics + Experience = Opportunities** and encourages students to complement their academic preparation with real-world experience, including internships, research, education abroad, service, and leadership. Arts and sciences students have access to a powerful network of faculty, staff, and advisors dedicated to providing information and support for their goals of meaningful employment or advanced education. Arts and sciences graduates have unlimited career possibilities and carry with them important career competencies—communication, critical thinking, creativity, context, and collaboration. They have the skills and adaptability that employers universally value. Graduates are prepared to effectively contribute professionally and personally with a solid foundation to excel in an increasingly global, technological, and interdisciplinary world.

Students should contact the career coaches in the Arts and Sciences Academic and Career Advising Center in 107 Oldfather Hall, or their assigned advisor, for more information. The CAS career coaches help students explore career options, identify ways to build experience and prepare to apply for internships, jobs, or graduate school, including help with resumes, applications, and interviewing.

## ACE Requirements

Students must complete one course for each of the ACE Student Learning Outcomes below. Certified course choices are published in the degree audit, or visit the ACE (<http://ace.unl.edu>) website (<http://ace.unl.edu>) for the most current list of certified courses.

### ACE Student Learning Outcomes

ACE 1: Write texts, in various forms, with an identified purpose, that respond to specific audience needs, integrate research or existing knowledge, and use applicable documentation and appropriate conventions of format and structure.

ACE 2: Demonstrate competence in communication skills.

ACE 3: Use mathematical, computational, statistical, logical, or other formal reasoning to solve problems, draw inferences, justify conclusions, and determine reasonableness.

ACE 4: Use scientific methods and knowledge to pose questions, frame hypotheses, interpret data, and evaluate whether conclusions about the natural and physical world are reasonable.

ACE 5: Use knowledge, historical perspectives, analysis, interpretation, critical evaluation, and the standards of evidence appropriate to the humanities to address problems and issues.

ACE 6: Use knowledge, theories, and research perspectives such as statistical methods or observational accounts appropriate to the social sciences to understand and evaluate social systems or human behaviors.

ACE 7: Use knowledge, theories, or methods appropriate to the arts to understand their context and significance.

ACE 8: Use knowledge, theories, and analysis to explain ethical principles and their importance in society.

ACE 9: Exhibit global awareness or knowledge of human diversity through analysis of an issue.

ACE 10: Generate a creative or scholarly product that requires broad knowledge, appropriate technical proficiency, information collection, synthesis, interpretation, presentation, and reflection.

## College Degree Requirements

### College Distribution Requirements

The College of Arts and Sciences distribution requirements are designed to ensure a range of courses across disciplines within the College. Students develop the ability to learn in a variety of ways and apply their knowledge from a variety of perspectives. All requirements are in addition to University ACE requirements, and no course can be used to fulfill both an ACE outcome and a College Distribution Requirement.

- A student may not use a single course to satisfy more than one College Distribution Requirement, with the exception of CDR Diversity. Courses used to meet CDR Diversity may also meet CDR Writing, CDR Humanities, or CDR Social Science.
- Internship (395 or 495), independent study or readings (396 or 496), research (398 or 498), and thesis (399, 399H, 499, or 499H) will not satisfy distribution requirements.
- Other courses with a 9 in the middle number (ex. PSYC 292) will not satisfy distribution requirements unless approved by an advisor.
- Cross-listed courses from interdisciplinary programs will be applied in the same area as courses from the lead department.

#### CDR: Written Communication

Select from courses approved for ACE outcome 1.

#### CDR: Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences<sup>1</sup>

Select a course from ASTR, BIOS, CHEM, GEOL, LIFE, METR, MATH, PHYS, or ANTH 242, GEOG 155, GEOG 281, POLS 250, or PSYC 273.

#### CDR: Laboratory<sup>2</sup>

Laboratory courses may be embedded in a 4-5 credit course used in CDR Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Science (example GEOG 155), or stand alone (example LIFE 120L).

#### CDR: Humanities<sup>3</sup>

Select a course from ARAB, CHIN, CLAS, CZEC, ENGL, FILM, FREN, GERM, GREK, HIST, JAPN, LATN, PHIL, RELG, RUSS, or SPAN.

#### CDR: Social Science<sup>4</sup>

Select a course from ANTH, COMM, GEOG, NSST, POLS, PSYC, or SOCI.

#### CDR: Human Diversity in U.S. Communities

Select from the following approved courses also listed in your degree audit: ANTH 130, ANTH 412, ANTH 447, ANTH 473, ARAB/RELG 313, COMM 311, COMM 315, COMM/ETHN 335, COMM 364, COMM/ETHN 365, COMM 465, ENGL/WMNS 212, ENGL/ETHN 245N, ENGL/WMNS 312, ENGL/ETHN 345D, ENGL/ETHN/WMNS 345N, ENGL/ETHN 346, ENGL 376, ENGL 380, ENGL/ETHN 445, ETHN 100, ETHN 201, ETHN 202, ETHN 204, ETHN 484, FILM/ETHN 344, GEOG 271, GEOG 403, GLST/ANTH/MODL 214, GLST 350, HIST/ETHN/WMNS 115, HIST/ETHN 234, HIST/ETHN 246, HIST 251, HIST/ETHN 340, HIST 351/ETHN 341, HIST/ETHN/WMNS 356, HIST/ETHN 357, HIST/WMNS 402, HRHA 350, MODL 260, PHIL 105, PHIL 106, PHIL/WMNS 218, PHIL 323, PHIL 325, POLS/ETHN 333, POLS/WMNS 338, POLS 340, POLS 347, POLS 433, PSYC/ETHN 310, PSYC 330, PSYC/WMNS 421, PSYC/ETHN 425, RELG/HIST 134, RELG/ETHN/HIST 226, RELG/HIST 227, SOCI 101, SOCI 180, SOCI/WMNS 200, SOCI/ETHN 217, SPAN 206, SPAN 486, WMNS 101, WMNS 201, WMNS 202, WMNS 210

#### CDR: Language

##### BA Students<sup>5</sup>

Fulfilled by the completion of the 4th level of a single language (either in H.S. or in college). Language study at UNL is available in: ARAB, CHIN, CZEC, FREN, GERM, GREK, JAPN, LATN, SPAN, or SLPA.

##### BS Students<sup>6</sup>

Fulfilled by the completion of the 2nd level of a single language (either in H.S. or in college). Language study at UNL is available in: ARAB, CHIN, CZEC, FREN, GERM, GREK, JAPN, LATN, SPAN, or SLPA.

<sup>1</sup> *Excluded courses:* BIOC 101, BIOS 100, BIOS 180, CHEM 101, MBIO 101, PHYS 201, MATH 100A, MATH 101, MATH 101P, MATH 102, MATH 103, and MATH subject area credit at the 100 level or below.

<sup>2</sup> ANTH 242L, ASTR 224, BIOS 101L, BIOS 110L, BIOS 111, BIOS 116, BIOS 213L, BIOS 214, CHEM 105L, CHEM 106L, CHEM 109L, CHEM 110L, CHEM 113L, GEOG 155, GEOL 101, GEOL 103, LIFE 120L, LIFE 121L, METR 100, PHYS 141, PHYS 142, PHYS 153, PHYS 221, or PHYS 222.

<sup>3</sup> ARAB, CHIN, CZEC, FREN, GERM, GREK, JAPN, LATN, and SPAN courses must be numbered 300 or above. ENGL courses must be ENGL 170, ENGL 180, or ENGL 200 level and above. Excluded courses: CLAS 116, ENGL 254, ENGL 300, ENGL 354, SPAN 300A, SPAN 303, and SPAN 304.

<sup>4</sup> *Excluded courses:* ANTH 242/ANTH 242L, GEOG 155, GIST 111, GIST 311, POLS 101, POLS 250, PSYC 100, PSYC 273.

<sup>5</sup> ARAB 202, CHIN 202, CZEC 202, FREN 202 or FREN 210, GERM 202, GREK 301 and GREK 302, JAPN 201 and JAPN 202, LATN 301 and LATN 302, SPAN 202 or SPAN 210 or SPAN 300A or SLPA 202.

<sup>6</sup> ARAB 102, CHIN 102, CZEC 102, FREN 102, GERM 102, GREK 102 or GREK 151, JAPN 102, LATN 102, SPAN 102 or SPAN 110 or SPAN 300A, or SLPA 102.

## Language Requirement

The University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the College of Arts and Sciences place great value on academic exposure and proficiency in a second language. The University of Nebraska–Lincoln entrance requirement is successful completion of two levels of the same world language, and the College of Arts and Sciences degree requirement (CDR: Language) is proficiency through 4 levels for BA students, or 2 levels for BS students.

Levels are defined as years in High School, or semesters in college as documented on an official transcript.

Students who believe they are proficient in a language, but who do not have academic records of that proficiency, should consult with their academic advisor to explore alternative assessments which may include a proficiency examination by a UNL faculty member for languages taught at UNL, or through an approved private service for languages not taught at UNL (expenses for this service would be the student's responsibility.)

## Experiential Learning Requirement

All undergraduates in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete an Experiential Learning (EL) designated course. This may include 0-credit courses designed to document co-curricular activities recognized as Experiential Learning. Students should consult their assigned Academic Advisor and Career Coach for assistance identifying experiential learning opportunities relevant to their academic program, interests and goals.

The bachelor of science degree requires students to complete 60 hours in mathematical, physical, and natural sciences from disciplines within the College of Arts and Sciences or required in its majors: ACTS, ASTR, BIOC, BIOS, CHEM, CSCE, GEOL, LIFE, MBIO, METR, MATH, PHYS, STAT or ANTH 242, ANTH 242L, ANTH 341, ANTH 385, ANTH 386, ANTH 389, ANTH 416, ANTH 422, ANTH 430, ANTH 442, ANTH 443, ANTH 444, ANTH 448, ANTH 473, ANTH 484, ANTH 487D, ENVR 201, GEOG 155, GEOG 217, GEOG 281, GEOG 308, GEOG 317, GEOG 408, GEOG 417, GEOG 418, GEOG 419, GEOG 421, GEOG 422, GEOG 425, GEOG 427, GEOG 432, GEOG 444, GEOG 461, GEOG 467, PHIL 211, POLS 250, PSYC 273, PSYC 368, PSYC 370, PSYC 450, PSYC 451, PSYC 456, PSYC 458, PSYC 460, PSYC 461, PSYC 463, PSYC 464, or PSYC 465.

Excluded courses include: BIOC 101, BIOS 100, BIOS 180, CHEM 101, MATH 100A, MATH 101, MATH 101P, MATH 102, MATH 103, MBIO 101, PHYS 201 as well as any course numbered 395, 495, 399, 399H, 499, or 499H. MATH subject area credit at the 100 level or below is also excluded.

Up to 12 hours of scientific and technical courses offered by other colleges may be accepted toward this requirement with approval of the College of Arts and Sciences. See your assigned academic advisor to start the approval process.

## Minimum Hours Required for Graduation

A minimum of 120 semester hours of credit is required for graduation from the College of Arts and Sciences. A cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 is required.

## Grade Rules

### Restrictions on C- and D Grades

The College will accept no more than 15 semester hours of C- and D grades from other domestic institutions except for UNO and UNK. All courses taken at UNO and UNK impact the UNL transcript. No transfer of C- and D grades can be applied toward requirements in a major or a minor. No University of Nebraska–Lincoln C- and D grades can be applied toward requirements in a major or a minor. International coursework (including education abroad) with a final grade equivalent to a C- or lower will not be validated by the College of Arts and Sciences departments to be degree applicable.

## Pass/No Pass Privilege

### University policy for the Pass/No Pass (P/N) privilege:

- Neither the P nor the N grade factor into your GPA.
- 'P' is interpreted to mean a grade of C or above. A grade of C- or lower results in a "N".
- A change to or from a Pass/No Pass may be made until mid-term (1/2 of the course - see the academic calendar for specific dates per term).
- The Pass/No Pass or grade registration cannot conflict with the policy of the professor, department, college, or University policy governing the grading options.
- Changing to or from the Pass/No Pass grading option requires using MyRED, or processing a Schedule Adjustment Form.
- For undergraduates, the University maximum of 24 'Pass' credit hours and/or college and department limits will apply. These limits do not include courses offered on a 'Pass/No Pass' basis only. Consult your advisor or the Undergraduate Catalog (<https://catalog.unl.edu/undergraduate/>) for restrictions on the number of 'Pass' hours you can apply toward your degree.
- The 'Pass/No Pass' grading option cannot be used for the removal of 'C-', 'D+', 'D', 'D-', or 'F' grade factors.  
*NOTE: See Course Repeats (<https://registrar.unl.edu/academic-standards/course-repeats/>)*

### College of Arts and Sciences policy on the Pass/No Pass (P/N) privilege:

- Pass hours can count toward fulfillment of University ACE requirements and college distribution requirements up to the 24-hour maximum.
- Most arts and sciences majors and minors do not permit any courses graded Pass/No Pass to apply, or limit them to no more than 6 hours. Students should refer to the major section of the catalog for clarification.
- Departments may specify that certain courses of theirs can be taken on a P/N-only or on a graded-only basis.

## Grading Appeals

A student who feels that he/she has been unfairly graded must ordinarily take the following sequential steps in a timely manner, usually by initiating the appeal in the semester following the awarding of the grade:

1. Talk with the instructor concerned. Most problems are resolved at this point.
2. Talk to the instructor's department chairperson.
3. Take the case to the Grading Appeal Committee of the department concerned. The Committee should be contacted through the department chairperson.
4. Take the case to the College Grading Appeals Committee by contacting the Dean's Office, 1223 Oldfather Hall.

## Course Level Requirements

### Courses Numbered at the 300 or 400 Level

Thirty (30) of the 120 semester hours of credit must be in courses numbered at the 300 or 400 level. Of those 30 hours, 15 hours (1/2) must be completed in residence at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.

## Residency Requirement

The term "Residency" refers to courses taken at UNL. Students must complete at least 30 of the 120 total hours for their degree at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Students must complete at least 18

hours of their major coursework, and 15 of the 30 hours required at the 300 or 400 level, at UNL.

## Catalog to Use

Students must fulfill the requirements stated in the catalog for the academic year in which they are first admitted to and enrolled as a degree-seeking student at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. In consultation with advisors, a student may choose to follow a subsequent catalog for any academic year in which they are admitted to and enrolled as a degree-seeking student at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students must complete all degree requirements from a single catalog year. Beginning in 1990-1991, the catalog which a student follows for degree requirements may not be more than 10 years old at the time of graduation.

**Transfer Students:** Students who have transferred from a community college may be eligible to fulfill the requirements as stated in the catalog for an academic year in which they were enrolled at the community college prior to attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. This decision should be made in consultation with academic advisors, provided the student a) was enrolled in a community college during the catalog year they are utilizing, b) maintained continuous enrollment at the previous institution for 1 academic year or more, and c) continued enrollment at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln within 1 calendar year from their last term at the previous institution. Students must complete all degree requirements from a single catalog year and within the time frame allowable for that catalog year.

## Requirements for Minor Offered By Department

Eighteen (18) hours of coursework as follows:

### Core Courses

Select three courses from the following: 9

JUDS 205 / Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old  
RELG 205 Testament

JUDS 219 / Introduction to Jewish History  
HIST 219 /  
RELG 219

JUDS 333 / Jews in the Modern World  
HIST 333 /  
RELG 333

JUDS 339 / The Holocaust  
HIST 339

JUDS 350 Literature of Judaism

Credit Hours Subtotal: 9

### Additional Related Courses

Select an additional three courses from the following: 9

ENGL 341 The Bible as Literature

JUDS 177 / The Holocaust in Literature and Film  
FILM 177

JUDS 205 / Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old  
RELG 205 Testament

JUDS 217 / Israel: The Holy Land  
HIST 217 /  
RELG 217

JUDS 219 / Introduction to Jewish History  
HIST 219 /  
RELG 219

JUDS 313 / Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict  
HIST 313

JUDS 331 / Ancient Israel  
CLAS 331 /  
RELG 331 /  
HIST 331

JUDS 333 / Jews in the Modern World  
HIST 333 /  
RELG 333

JUDS 339 / The Holocaust  
HIST 339

JUDS 340 / Women in the Biblical World  
RELG 340 /  
WMNS 340

JUDS 387 / Women Totalitarian Experience: Culture,  
CZEC 387 / Identity and Memory  
GERM 387 /  
WMNS 387

JUDS 391 Special Topics in Jewish Studies

JUDS 396 Independent Study in Jewish Studies

JUDS 476 / Ethnic Conflict and Identity  
POLS 476

JUDS 477 / Israel and the Middle East  
POLS 477

PHIL 265 Philosophy of Religion

RELG 181 Judaism, Christianity and Islam

RELG 206 Ways of Western Religion

POLS 378 Politics of Antisemitism

SOCI 217 / Sociology of Race and Ethnicity  
ETHN 217

Credit Hours Subtotal: 9

**Total Credit Hours 18**

Courses with significant Jewish studies content that are not listed above may be eligible for approval as electives.

## Grade Rules

### C- and D Grades

A grade of C or above is required for all courses in the minor.

### Pass/No Pass

No course taken Pass/No Pass will be counted toward the minor.

### JUDS 177 The Holocaust in Literature and Film

**Crosslisted with:** FILM 177

**Description:** Experience of Jews in Europe from 1933-1945. Issues of racism and religious prejudice and assumptions about humanism, tolerance and progress.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Grading Option:** Graded with Option

**JUDS 205 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament**

**Crosslisted with:** RELG 205

**Description:** Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament in translation. History, culture and religion of Ancient Israel as it is reflected in the biblical books and the archeological record.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Grading Option:** Graded with Option

**Prerequisite for:** JUDS 308, RELG 308

**ACE:** ACE 5 Humanities

**JUDS 209 Judaism and Christianity in Conflict and Coexistence**

**Crosslisted with:** RELG 209

**Description:** The history of Jewish-Christian relations from the birth of Christianity until the present. Readings from primary and secondary sources as written by Jewish and Christian authors.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Grading Option:** Graded with Option

**ACE:** ACE 9 Global/Diversity

**JUDS 217 Israel: The Holy Land**

**Crosslisted with:** HIST 217, RELG 217

**Description:** Survey of the history of the Land of Israel from Biblical times to the present. Includes Roman and Byzantine rule, the Crusades, Islamic Palestine, Zionism and the modern state of Israel, and the religious importance of the land for Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Grading Option:** Graded with Option

**ACE:** ACE 9 Global/Diversity

**JUDS 219 Introduction to Jewish History**

**Crosslisted with:** HIST 219, RELG 219

**Description:** Survey of the history of the Jewish people from Biblical times to the present. The Old Testament, Ancient Israel, the Talmud, the relationship to Christianity and Islam, persecution and self-government in the middle ages, Jewish philosophy and mysticism, emancipation, modern anti-Semitism, the Holocaust, Zionism, the modern state of Israel, and the Jewish experience in America.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Grading Option:** Graded with Option

**ACE:** ACE 9 Global/Diversity

**JUDS 245J Jewish-American Literature**

**Crosslisted with:** ENGL 245J

**Description:** Twentieth and twenty-first century literature by major Jewish-American authors.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Grading Option:** Graded with Option

**ACE:** ACE 9 Global/Diversity ACE 5 Humanities

**JUDS 308 Dead Sea Scrolls**

**Crosslisted with:** RELG 308

**Prerequisites:** JUDS/RELG 205 or permission.

**Description:** Dead Sea Scrolls, including the history and thought of the Qumran inhabitants, the archaeology of Qumran, and the corpus of the Scrolls. Concentration on the reading of selected primary texts from the Dead Sea Scrolls.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Grading Option:** Graded with Option

**JUDS 313 Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict**

**Crosslisted with:** HIST 313

**Description:** Traces the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict from the 19th century up to the present. Explores the role of ideology, political actors, social history, economic and infrastructural problems, and regional and international interaction, as well as prospects for peace in the 21st century. Examines the related historiographical debates, especially those focusing on the Arab-Israeli Wars of 1948 and 1967.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Grading Option:** Graded with Option

**JUDS 331 Ancient Israel**

**Crosslisted with:** RELG 331, HIST 331, CLAS 331

**Prerequisites:** Sophomore standing.

**Description:** The cultural, social, and religious institutions of Ancient Israel from their antecedents in the Late Bronze Age until the Great Jewish Revolt and the beginning of Rabbinic Judaism. Literary works and material remains of the Israelites, and evidence from surrounding cultures.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Grading Option:** Graded with Option

**Offered:** FALL/SPR

**JUDS 332 Jews in the Middle Ages**

**Crosslisted with:** RELG 332, HIST 332, MRST 332

**Prerequisites:** Sophomore standing

**Notes:** Pre-1800 content.

**Description:** Traces the emergence and development of a distinctive Jewish culture and identity in medieval Europe and in the regions bordering the Mediterranean sea from the birth of rabbinic Judaism under the Roman empire until the seventeenth century orthodox synthesis of Talmudic learning, Kabbalah, and custom and Jewish responses to the Enlightenment. Includes interaction of Jews with majority cultures (including the development of anti-Semitism), and the impact of Jews and Jewish learning upon western culture.

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Max credits per semester:** 3

**Max credits per degree:** 3

**Grading Option:** Graded with Option

**Offered:** FALL/SPR

**JUDS 333 Jews in the Modern World****Crosslisted with:** HIST 333, RELG 333**Prerequisites:** Sophomore, junior, or senior standing.**Description:** Examines the history of the Jewish people since the 18th century with geographical foci on Europe, North America, and the Middle East. Emphasis on the Jewish Enlightenment, emancipation and assimilation, anti-Semitism, migration to and adaptation in America, Zionism and the modern state of Israel.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**JUDS 334 Jews, Christians and the Bible****Crosslisted with:** RELG 334**Description:** Jewish and Christian interpretations of the Hebrew Bible and/or Old Testament from 400 BCE to 1800 CE. Readings from the Dead Sea Scrolls and the New Testament, the Church Fathers and the Talmud, medieval and early modern Christian and Jewish biblical commentators.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**JUDS 339 The Holocaust****Crosslisted with:** HIST 339, HIST 839**Prerequisites:** Sophomore standing**Description:** Study of the systematic persecution and mass murder of Jews by Nazi Germany and its allies. Focus is on the Holocaust's impact on Jewish communities but also discusses the persecution of other targeted groups. Additional sub-topics include the history of antisemitism, the Nazi regime, the broader context of World War II, and the far-reaching consequences of this genocide. Events are analyzed from the perspectives of victims, perpetrators, bystanders, resisters, and rescuers.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**JUDS 340 Women in the Biblical World****Crosslisted with:** RELG 340, WMNS 340**Description:** Role and status of women as depicted in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and the New Testament. The stories and laws concerning women found in the Bible and from extra-biblical evidence.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**JUDS 350 Literature of Judaism****Description:** Examination of some principal texts in Jewish religion and philosophy from Biblical times to the 18th Century Enlightenment. The Hebrew Bible, and different approaches to it, as well as portions of the Talmud and the formation of rabbinic Judaism. Writings by philosophers including Maimonides, Saadia, and others, along with narratives, poetry and legends from the 17th and 18th Centuries, which saw the development of Hasidism as well as the emergence of rationalist philosophies.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**JUDS 378 Politics of Antisemitism****Crosslisted with:** POLS 378**Description:** A multidimensional survey of the history of local and global antisemitism, look at the calamity of the Holocaust, the creation and challenges of Israel, and current antisemitic attitudes in Nebraska, the US, and the world.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded**Offered:** FALL/SPR**JUDS 387 Women Totalitarian Experience: Culture, Identity and Memory****Crosslisted with:** CZEC 387, GERM 387, WMNS 387**Notes:** Taught in English.**Description:** Examination of complexities of women's experience under Nazism and Communism of Central and Eastern Europe.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded**Offered:** FALL**ACE:** ACE 5 Humanities**JUDS 391 Special Topics in Jewish Studies****Prerequisites:** Permission.**Description:** Topics vary.**Credit Hours:** 1-3**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 6**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**JUDS 396 Independent Study in Jewish Studies****Prerequisites:** Permission.**Notes:** Letter grade only.**Description:** Independent reading or research.**Credit Hours:** 1-3**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 6**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**JUDS 406 Second Temple Judaism****Crosslisted with:** RELG 406, RELG 806**Description:** An in-depth study of the literature, history and culture of Judea and the Jews in the Second Temple period, from 550 BCE to 70 CE. Readings include apocalyptic texts, Wisdom literature, and selections from the Dead Sea Scrolls.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Prerequisite for:** JUDS 308, RELG 308

**JUDS 476 Ethnic Conflict and Identity****Crosslisted with:** POLS 476, POLS 876

**Description:** Theories of nationalism and ethnic conflict. Case studies of Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. The post-Cold War era as multi-polar and multi-civilizational. The states and different cultures that compete for influence and authority to dominate the "New World order." The division of the world along ethnic, religious, and class lines rather than by ideology. The future of international politics and the reassessment of the causes of "conflicts of culture" and their containment.

**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**JUDS 477 Israel and the Middle East****Crosslisted with:** POLS 477, POLS 877

**Description:** Israeli politics, society, and relations with its neighbors, particularly the Palestinians. Rise of Zionism and the Palestinian response to it; wars between Israel and Arab neighbors, and the eventual peace agreements between the two; the internal dynamics of Israeli political life; and state of Zionism today.

**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option