

Jewish Studies Course Requirements

Minor (Lower Division and Upper Division) and Certificate (Upper Division)

Lower-Division (3 units) – Select from:

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

Upper-Division (6 units) – Select from:

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

Electives (6 units)

Select from any lower- or upper-division courses

Total for Jewish Studies Minor: 15 units

Total for Jewish Studies Certificate: 12 units

Total for Jewish Studies Certificate with Honors: 15 units

Jewish Studies Association

The Jewish Studies Program is affiliated with the Fresno State student club, the Jewish Studies Association. The club welcomes students of all backgrounds with an interest in Jewish Studies. Students can join the JSA through MyFresnoState or by contacting the Program Coordinator, Jill Fields: jfields@mail.fresnostate.edu

For more information, please find JSA on Facebook: CSU Fresno Jewish Studies Association
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/130132653723038/>

Jewish Studies Events

The Jewish Studies Program sponsors events every semester that are open to the entire Fresno State and Fresno community. For information on upcoming and past events check out the Events page on the program website.

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Jewish Studies Program

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.

Jewish Studies Minor

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.

Jewish Studies Certificate

Another option for students is to earn a **Certificate in Jewish Studies**, which requires taking four upper division classes. A Jewish Studies Certificate with Honors requires five upper division courses. Courses taken for the Certificate can count toward your major or minor in addition to your Certificate. For more information go to www.fresnostate.edu/JewishStudies or contact Jill Fields, Ph.D., Professor of History and Coordinator of Jewish Studies at jfields@mail.fresnostate.edu

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