

# Jewish Studies

## Minor

The Jewish Studies minor is open to all UC Berkeley students and is designed to give students an overview of some of the major themes in Jewish Studies. Students may choose offerings from a large number of disciplines including arts and humanities, social sciences, and law. After completing an introductory survey course, participants in the minor may take classes, seminars, and language courses in the Near Eastern Studies (Hebrew) and German (Yiddish) Departments, hands on experiential learning through the Magnes Collection for Jewish Art and Life, and relevant courses offered in various departments including Jewish Studies, Comparative Literature, History, Music, Near Eastern Studies, Political Science, and Sociology. The program allows students to work closely with members of the faculty, to be mentored by graduate students, and to participate in the intellectual life of the broader Jewish Studies community on campus. Application instructions for the minor (Word Document) (<http://jewishstudies.berkeley.edu/scholarship/minor%20info&application%20packet.docx>) .

## Declaring the Minor

For information on declaring the minor, please contact the Jewish Studies Program (<http://jewishstudies.berkeley.edu>)

Students who have a strong interest in an area of study outside their major often decide to complete a minor program. These programs have set requirements and are noted officially on the transcript in the memoranda section, but they are currently not noted on diplomas.

## General Guidelines

1. All courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements below must be taken for graded credit.
2. A minimum of three of the upper division courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements must be completed at UC Berkeley.
3. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required for courses used to fulfill the minor requirements.
4. Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements may be applied toward the Seven-Course Breadth requirement, for Letters & Science students.
5. No more than one upper division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs.
6. All minor requirements must be completed prior to the last day of finals during the semester in which you plan to graduate. If you cannot finish all courses required for the minor by that time, please see a College of Letters & Science adviser.
7. All minor requirements must be completed within the unit ceiling. (For further information regarding the unit ceiling, please see the College Requirements tab.)

The study of Modern Hebrew, Biblical Hebrew, or Yiddish is encouraged and is essential for some but not all of the courses. However, there is no language requirement for the Jewish Studies minor and only advanced language courses are applicable to the minor.

## Requirements

JEWISH 101      Course Not Available

Select four upper division elective courses (consult academic adviser)

## To Declare Jewish Studies Minor

Students must meet with the JS minor adviser to declare the minor. Bring your complete application to meeting. This includes:

- A completed Jewish Studies Minor Application Form (<http://jewishstudies.berkeley.edu/scholarship/minor%20info&application%20packet.docx>) (Word document).
- A current copy of your UCB transcript printed from BearFacts with your name printed on the document. Please highlight all courses that apply to the minor, including courses in progress and transferable credits from other institutions (community colleges, study abroad). Also, indicate which course (if any) will overlap between the JS minor and your major.
- Copies of transcripts from colleges other than UC Berkeley if course work is to be counted towards the minor. Transcripts may be unofficial. We do not have access to transcripts in the Registrar's Office. Students must request copies themselves and submit them with their applications. Please highlight all courses to be applied to the minor.

Once admitted, minors are required to contact the JS minor adviser at least once each semester to get approval for any changes to their program.

## To Complete Jewish Studies Minor

Fill out the following two forms (<http://ls-advise.berkeley.edu/fp/fp.html>) : "Completion of L&S Minor" and "Major-Minor Overlap Check form" and submit both forms to JS Minor adviser no later than the fifth week of classes of your final semester before graduation. Forms can be found here: <http://ls-advise.berkeley.edu/fp/00minor.pdf> The College of Letters & Science will be notified of minor completion approximately four weeks after the final minor course has been completed for inclusion in student's diploma.

## Jewish Studies

### JEWISH 39 Freshman and Sophomore Seminar 2 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2017

Freshman and sophomore seminars offer lower division students the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member and a group of peers in a small-seminar setting. These seminars are offered in all campus departments; topics vary from department to department and from semester to semester.

Freshman and Sophomore Seminar: Read More [+]

#### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 4 hours of seminar per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Jewish Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam not required.

Freshman and Sophomore Seminar: Read Less [-]

## JEWISH 39O Freshman and Sophomore Seminar 1.5 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2016

Freshman and sophomore seminars offer lower division students the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member and a group of peers in a small-seminar setting. These seminars are offered in all campus departments; topics vary from department to department and from semester to semester.

Freshman and Sophomore Seminar: Read More [\[+\]](#)

### Hours & Format

#### Fall and/or spring:

5 weeks - 3-12 hours of seminar per week  
 6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of seminar per week  
 8 weeks - 2-7.5 hours of seminar per week  
 10 weeks - 1.5-6 hours of seminar per week  
 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Jewish Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam not required.

Freshman and Sophomore Seminar: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

## JEWISH 39P Freshman and Sophomore Seminar 1.5 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017

Freshman and sophomore seminars offer lower division students the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member and a group of peers in a small-seminar setting. These seminars are offered in all campus departments; topics vary from department to department and from semester to semester.

Freshman and Sophomore Seminar: Read More [\[+\]](#)

### Hours & Format

#### Fall and/or spring:

5 weeks - 3-12 hours of seminar per week  
 6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of seminar per week  
 8 weeks - 2-7.5 hours of seminar per week  
 10 weeks - 1.5-6 hours of seminar per week  
 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Jewish Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam not required.

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## JEWISH 39Q Freshman and Sophomore Seminar 1.5 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017

Freshman and sophomore seminars offer lower division students the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member and a group of peers in a small-seminar setting. These seminars are offered in all campus departments; topics vary from department to department and from semester to semester.

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### Hours & Format

#### Fall and/or spring:

5 weeks - 3-12 hours of seminar per week  
 6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of seminar per week  
 8 weeks - 2-7.5 hours of seminar per week  
 10 weeks - 1.5-6 hours of seminar per week  
 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of seminar per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Jewish Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam not required.

Freshman and Sophomore Seminar: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

## JEWISH 98 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2014

Organized group study on topics selected by upper division students under the sponsorship and direction of the Jewish Studies faculty.

Directed Group Study: Read More [\[+\]](#)

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Freshman or sophomore standing

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 1.5-7.5 hours of directed group study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Jewish Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Directed Group Study: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

## JEWISH 100 The Cultural Legacies of the Jews 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018

The course is intended to give Jewish studies minors a general introduction to the field through a survey of eight major phases of Jewish cultural experiences. Considered in chronological order and embracing several different relevant disciplines (history, literature, language, popular culture) covering major themes, phases, or periods, the course offers subject matter from the Bible to the modern period. Each of the lecturers will have selected one or two articles or chapters from books relevant to his/her subject for students to read.

The Cultural Legacies of the Jews: Read More [ + ]

### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Jewish Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

**Formerly known as:** Jewish Studies 101

The Cultural Legacies of the Jews: Read Less [ - ]

## JEWISH 120 Special Topics in Jewish Studies 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016

Course will focus on specific areas or topics in Jewish studies through a combination of lectures, term papers, and examinations. Instructors and topics to vary from semester to semester. Consult Jewish Studies website for updated course descriptions.

Special Topics in Jewish Studies: Read More [ + ]

### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Jewish Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Special Topics in Jewish Studies: Read Less [ - ]

## JEWISH 121 Topics in Jewish Music 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2017

This course will address topics related to Jewish music, with a format that includes lecture and lab hours.

Topics in Jewish Music: Read More [ + ]

### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of laboratory per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of laboratory per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Jewish Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

**Instructor:** Spagnolo

Topics in Jewish Music: Read Less [ - ]

## JEWISH 122 Topics in Contemporary Judaism 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018

A course on current trends in Jewish religious, cultural, and social life. The course will study innovative and conservative aspects of thought, ritual, and belief in relation to contemporary life and traditional Jewish values.

Topics in Contemporary Judaism: Read More [ + ]

### Objectives Outcomes

**Course Objectives:** This course will offer an opportunity for students to gain familiarity with a spectrum of diverse approaches to Judaism. This will include participation in current debates on topics such as spirituality, secularism, social justice, and discrimination.

**Student Learning Outcomes:** Students will have a better understanding of the variety of Jewish responses to contemporary social, political, and cultural life. They will learn how historically salient issues, covered in other Jewish Studies courses, are being addressed by Jewish leaders and communities.

### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Jewish Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Topics in Contemporary Judaism: Read Less [ - ]

## **JEWISH 123 Israeli Society: Social Structure, Inequality, and Political Cleavages 3 Units**

Terms offered: Fall 2017

This course will map Israel's social structure, identify its implications for social and economic inequality, and shed light on its role in structuring political loyalty, conflict and action. It will introduce students to relevant concepts and theories from sociology and political science, and findings from comparative research, that aid understanding of the Israeli case and place it in a broader perspective.

Israeli Society: Social Structure, Inequality, and Political Cleavages: Read More [\[+\]](#)

### **Objectives Outcomes**

**Course Objectives:** Expose students to a selection of research findings on specific sectors of society that shed light on their socioeconomic position, power resources, and characteristic forms of political action. Provide a comprehensive view of Israel's social structure and its implications for both inequality and politics.

### **Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

### **Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Jewish Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Instructor:** Shalev

Israeli Society: Social Structure, Inequality, and Political Cleavages: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

## **JEWISH 198 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units**

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017

Organized group study on topics selected by upper division students under the sponsorship and direction of the Jewish Studies faculty.

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### **Rules & Requirements**

**Prerequisites:** Junior or senior standing

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit.

### **Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

**Summer:** 8 weeks - 1.5-7.5 hours of directed group study per week

### **Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Jewish Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Directed Group Study: Read Less [\[-\]](#)