Colby

JEWISH STUDIES

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The Jewish Studies Program, in the Division of Interdisciplinary Studies, is an academic program whose core mission is to educate students in the breadth and complexities of Jewish history, religion, politics, and culture and to situate this learning in the larger context of their liberal arts education. Jewish studies courses engage students of all backgrounds in diverse aspects of Jewish civilization and address themes as divergent as identity formation, prejudice, and intercultural relations. Through the minor in Jewish studies, the program offers students an opportunity to take courses in several disciplines of the humanities and social sciences, including history, religious studies, English, and government.

As the only program of its kind in Maine, Jewish studies seeks not only to educate Colby students but also to provide public programming to members of the Maine community through its curricular and co-curricular activities. Though a major in Jewish studies is not offered, interested students are encouraged to consult the director about an independent major.

Requirements for the Minor in Jewish Studies

A minimum of six courses, including two core courses (Religious Studies 181 and 182) and four other courses in Jewish studies that are approved for the minor. Jewish Studies 125 and 126 do not count toward the minor.

Successful completion of the minor requires a 2.00 average for all requirements above. None of the required courses may be taken satisfactory/unsatisfactory.

Courses listed below are described in the appropriate department sections of this catalogue.

Courses approved for the Minor in Jewish Studies

- *English*
  - 398C Life and Literature in Nazi-Occupied Paris
- French
  - 376 Shadows of the Past: Remembering Vichy France and the Holocaust
- *Government*
  - 251 Israelis and Palestinians: Conflict and Accommodation
  - 252 Politics of the Middle East
- *History*
  - 421 Research Seminar: Debating the Nazi Past
- Music
  - 121 *Entartete* (Degenerate) *Musik*
- *Religious Studies*
  - 143 Introduction to Hebrew Scriptures
  - 181 Conceptions of Jews and Judaism
  - 182 Jews, Judaism, and the Modern World
  - 219 Texts of Terror: Violence and the Religions of the Book
  - 221 Topics in Maine's Jewish History
  - 282 The Making of Judaism
  - 297 History of Anti-Semitism
  - 297J Jewish Theology
  - 298 Prostitutes, Queens, Prophets
  - 322 Food and Religious Identity
  - 382 Abraham in the Abrahamic Religions
  - 384 Jewish Responses to Ethical Dilemmas
  - 398A American Jews and Judaism from World War II to the Present
  - 398B Behind the Bible: Discovering an Ancient World

For updates to the list of courses approved for the Jewish studies minor and courses offered in the 2011-2012 academic year,

refer to the Jewish Studies website.

Course Offerings

[JS115J] English Composition: Holocaust Lessons Listed as English 115J, Section C. *Three credit hours.*

JS121j *Entartete* (Degenerate) *Musik* Listed as Music 121. *Three credit hours.* **A, I** SILVER

JS125f Hebrew I The first of three consecutive courses designed to develop fluency and accuracy in Modern Hebrew. Through an interactive approach to language learning, students gain communicative proficiency and a greater understanding of Israeli society. Videos, audio, and Web materials introduce students to the nuanced and rich connections between Hebrew and Jewish culture in Israel and around the world. *Three credit hours.* ISAACS

JS126s Hebrew II The second of three consecutive courses designed to develop fluency and accuracy in Modern Hebrew. Students will deepen their knowledge of Hebrew grammar and further develop the facilities for written and oral communication in Hebrew. Delves more deeply into Israeli culture through media and literature. *Prerequisite:* Jewish Studies 125 or equivalent. *Three credit hours.* ISAACS

JS127s Hebrew III The third of three consecutive courses designed to develop fluency and accuracy in Modern Hebrew. Students will deepen their knowledge of Hebrew grammar and further develop the facilities for written and oral communication in Hebrew. Delves more deeply into Israeli culture through media and literature. *Prerequisite:* Jewish Studies 126 or equivalent. *Three credit hours.* ISAACS

JS143f Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Listed as Religious Studies 143. *Four credit hours.* **L** PARKER

JS181f Conceptions of Jews and Judaism Listed as Religious Studies 181. *Four credit hours.* **H, I** MAIZELS

JS182s Jews and Judaism in the Modern World Listed as Religious Studies 182. *Four credit hours.* **H, I** MAIZELS

[JS221] Topics in Maine's Jewish History Listed as Religious Studies 221. *Three credit hours.* **H, U**

JS251s Israelis and Palestinians: Conflict and Accommodation Listed as Government 251. *Four credit hours.* **S, I** DENOEUX

JS252f Politics of the Middle East Listed as Government 252. *Four credit hours.* **I** DENOEUX

JS297f History of Anti-Semitism Listed as Religious Studies 297. *Four credit hours.* MAIZELS

JS297Jj Jewish Theology Listed as Religious Studies 297J. *Three credit hours.* ISAACS

[JS322] Food and Religious Identity Listed as Religious Studies 322. *Four credit hours.* **S**

[JS376] Shadows of the Past: Remembering Vichy France and the Holocaust Listed as French 376. *Four credit hours.* **L, I**

[JS386] Medieval Judaism, Real and Imagined Listed as Religious Studies 386. *Four credit hours.* **H, I**

JS397f Passion of the Prophets Listed as Religious Studies 397. *Four credit hours.* PARKER

JS398As American Jews and Judaism from World War II to the Present Listed as Religious Studies 398A. *Four credit hours.* MAIZELS

JS398Bs Behind the Bible: Discovering an Ancient World Listed as Religious Studies 398B. *Four credit hours.* PARKER

JS421f Research Seminar: Debating the Nazi Past Listed as History 421. *Four credit hours.* **H, I** SCHECK

[JS423] Jews in Literature: Medieval to Modern Listed as English 423. *Four credit hours.* **L**

JS491f, 492s Independent Study *One to four credit hours.* FACULTY