

MODERN JEWISH AND ISRAEL STUDIES MINOR

¹ Must be taken for 3 units.

The Minor in Modern Jewish and Israel Studies gives students access to the social, intellectual, political, and aesthetic dimensions of Jewish civilization. Students explore Judaism in a historical context and are exposed to the diversity of religious and secular Jewish traditions. The program emphasizes the study of biblical texts, Jewish interpretive traditions, the history of the Jews, modern Jewish literature, anti-Semitism, and Israel, as well as comparative study of Christianity and Islam. It also provides students with opportunities to learn the modern Hebrew language, to study abroad in Israel or Europe, and to gain internship credit in concert with local Jewish communities.

Course Requirements for the Minor

The following courses, or their approved transfer equivalents, are required of all candidates for this minor.

Course	Title	Units
Interdisciplinary Studies		
MJIS/RELS 204W	The Stories of Judaism (W)	3
MJIS/RELS 205	Antisemitism and Islamophobia	3
Formative Judaism		
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 355	Bible, Literature, and Culture	
RELS 306	Roots of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	
Historical Context		
Select one of the following:		3
HIST 322	Russian and Soviet History	
HIST 328	Modern Germany: From Unification to Reunification	
MEST/HIST 362	Middle Eastern Empires	
MEST/HIST 362W	Middle Eastern Empires (W)	
POLS 446	Politics of the Middle East	
SOCI 356	Genocide	
Electives		
Select two of the following:		6
MJIS 489	Internship ¹	
RELS 100	Introduction to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	
RELS 202/ HIST 261/ MEST 261	Islam and the World	
RELS 302/ HIST 361/ MEST 302	Muhammad and the Qur'an	
RELS 308	Judaism, Christianity, and Islam since the Crusades	
Any course listed above which has not been used to meet other requirements in the minor; or any other course with significant Jewish Studies content as determined by the advisor.		
Total Units		18