JEWSH STUDIES

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Mission
The program in Jewish Studies enables undergraduates to acquire a
thorough knowledge of the most important aspects of Jewish culture,
civilization, and history in an interdisciplinary setting. The purpose of
the program is to help the student identify resources for constructing
rigorously detailed and methodological majors.

The program begins from the assumption that a meaningful major can
be most profitably framed in one of the existing departments—such as,
but not limited to, American Studies, Ancient Studies, Anthropology,
Art History, Asian and Middle Eastern Cultures, Classics, Comparative
Literature, English, History, Music, Religion, Sociology, and Women’s
Studies. The program director would then certify that the subject matter
of that major contains enough interest in Jewish subjects and is rigorous
enough in methodology.

Faculty at Barnard and Columbia who teach courses in Jewish Studies
Include:

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Professors: Gil Anidjar (Religion), Elisheva Carlebach (History), Y’inon
Cohen (Sociology), Jeremy Dauber (German), Zohar Goshen (Law),
Achshah Guibbory (English), Gil Hochberg (MESAAS), Ira Katznelson
(Political Science and History), Jose Moya (History), Seth Schwartz
(History), Michael Stanislawski (History)

Associate Professor: Gil Eyal (Sociology), Rebecca Kobrin (History)

Assistant Professors: Clémence Boulouque (Religion), Tina Fruehauf
(Music)

Lecturer: Naama Harel (Lecturer in Hebrew), Agnieszka Legutko (Lecturer
in Yiddish)

Requirements for the Combined Major

—RELJ UN2306 INTRO TO JUDAISM
—Five additional courses in Jewish Studies
—Total of a minimum of 18 credits

A complete major in a relevant department is required for a combined
major in Jewish Studies. Where courses in Jewish Studies also satisfy
departamental major requirements, the student must complete at least
three courses in Jewish Studies over and above what is required for
the other major. Students are encouraged to consult the offerings of
other relevant departments and frame a major by centering on the
methodological requirements of that major and utilizing the advising
capacities of that department. Students, especially those who plan to
continue in graduate Jewish Studies of any kind, are strongly encouraged
to seek competence in Hebrew and other languages which were used
by Jews in their particular area of concentration. Where possible, the
courses in Jewish Studies should be taken across the major areas of
Jewish history: Ancient (biblical); Hellenistic and Talmudic; Medieval; and

Modern. Besides the six courses specifically in Jewish Studies, students
must submit a Senior Thesis or project in the area of Jewish Studies,
written in the major department.

For a complete list of faculty and courses visit the Columbia University
Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies.

Requirements for the Minor

—RELJ UN2306 INTRO TO JUDAISM
—Four additional courses in Jewish Studies

A Jewish Studies minor comprises five courses in Jewish Studies
(minimum 15 credits). The five courses must include RELJ UN2306 INTRO
TO JUDAISM as well as at least one seminar. Students are encouraged
to distribute their Jewish Studies courses across different disciplines,
historical eras, and geographical regions.

Eligible courses include those listed each semester by the Columbia
University Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies or that contain a
majority of Jewish Studies content (to be determined by the Jewish
Studies Chair based on the course syllabus). Departments that normally
host Jewish Studies courses include the Institute for Israel and Jewish
Studies, Germanic Languages, History, MESAAS, Political Science,
Religion, Sociology, and Women’s and Gender Studies. Please consult
the Columbia University Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies for eligible
courses.

Three of the five courses must be taken at Barnard/Columbia. Students
are encouraged to study Jewish languages such as Hebrew or Yiddish,
but only two of the five courses required for the minor may be fulfilled by
language courses. All eligible courses must be offered by an accredited
academic institution.

Students interested in minoring in Jewish Studies should contact the
Chair of Jewish Studies at Barnard. Although Barnard policy allows for
students to sign up for the minor through the end of senior year, the
Program in Jewish Studies encourages students to sign up early and to
consult with the Chair regarding selection of courses and completion of
requirements.

Courses That Satisfy the Jewish Studies Major

For a complete list of faculty and courses updated by semester, visit
the Columbia University Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies (http://