

JEWISH STUDIES (MINOR)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2025-Spring 2026 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

Minor in Jewish Studies

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (AS) (<http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/>)
Department: Comparative Humanities (<http://louisville.edu/humanities/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): JS_ _MINOR

The student may choose either the Cultural Studies or the Language and Culture option.

For either options, at least three (3) semester hours of the requirements for a minor must be successfully completed while enrolled in the University of Louisville.

Program Requirements

Jewish Cultural Studies Option

Code	Title	Hours
HUM 309	Survey of Jewish Thought, Religion and Culture - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3

Jewish Studies Electives ¹

Select five of the following: 15

HIST 360	The Origins of Islam	
HIST 361	Modern Jewish History: The 20th Century	
HUM 220	Introduction to Jewish Cultures - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
HUM 311	Hebrew Bible/ Old Testament	
HUM 315	Jewish Religious Diversity: Culture and Counter Culture - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
HUM 317	Modern Jewish Thought	
HUM 328	The Jewish Short Story - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
HUM 361	Selected Topics	
HUM 362	Selected Topics	
HUM 387	The Holocaust, Genocide, and Global Imagination - D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), SBH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
HUM 511	Topics in the Interpretation of Sacred Texts	
HUM 512	Topics in Contemporary Religious Thought	
HUM 513	Topics in Comparative Religions	
HUM 514	Perspectives on Religious Coexistence and Conflict	

HUM 590	ST: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Humanities - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
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Minimum Total Hours 18

Jewish Language and Culture Option

Code	Title	Hours
HEBR 201 & HEBR 202	Intermediate Hebrew I & II ²	6
HUM 309	Survey of Jewish Thought, Religion and Culture - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3

Jewish Studies Electives ³

Select three of the following: 9

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HIST 361	Modern Jewish History: The 20th Century	
HUM 220	Introduction to Jewish Cultures - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
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HUM 511	Topics in the Interpretation of Sacred Texts	
HUM 512	Topics in Contemporary Religious Thought	
HUM 513	Topics in Comparative Religions	
HUM 514	Perspectives on Religious Coexistence and Conflict	
HUM 590	ST: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Humanities - WR (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	

Minimum Total Hours 18

¹ Students should take four courses in Ancient/Modern Jewish History and Society (to be designated as such and published by the Jewish Studies program director each semester). Students are strongly encouraged to take at least one course in Ancient Jewish History and Society and at least one course in Modern Jewish History and Society.

² The equivalent in Arabic or Yiddish may also be accepted with the permission of the Jewish Studies advisor.

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