

## A. Course Levels

**Level 1: Basis Courses** (Required for majors; highly recommended for all students interested in Jewish Studies.)

JUD 100y Elementary Modern Hebrew

JUD/REL 225 Jewish Civilization: Text and Tradition (A broad introduction to Jewish texts, traditions, and history, from the ancient world to the contemporary period.)

**Level 2: Exploratory Courses** (Introduce students to a body of literature, historical experience, or method of approaching Jewish Studies that is often helpful for more advanced work.)

### Language

JUD 110j Yiddish Language and Culture

### Classical Texts

REL 210 Introduction to the Bible 1 (Hebrew Bible)

REL 215 Introduction to the Bible 2 (New Testament)

REL 222 Introduction to Rabbinic Literature

### History and Thought

REL 223 The Modern Jewish Experience

### Literature and the Arts

CLT 277 At Home with Kafka: Modern Jewish Fiction

**Level 3: Topic Courses** (topic courses are open to students at various levels, though first-year students may want to consult with the instructor to determine appropriateness)

### Language: Hebrew

JUD 200 Intermediate Modern Hebrew (follows JUD 100y Elementary Modern Hebrew)

REL 295/296 Hebrew Religious Texts (follows JUD 200: Intermediate Modern Hebrew)

JUD 400 Special Studies: Readings in modern Hebrew (May only be taken following JUD 200 or its equivalent; readings in Modern Hebrew may be available at the intermediate or advanced levels, pending availability of the instructor.)

The **University of Massachusetts** offers advanced modern Hebrew on a yearly basis. The Program in Jewish Studies at Smith encourages students to take advantage of this opportunity within the Five-College Consortium. A semester of intermediate modern Hebrew is held every other year at **Mount Holyoke College**.

### Classical Texts

REL 211 Wisdom Literature and Other Books from the Writings

REL 213 Prophecy in Ancient Israel

### History and Thought

HST/JUD 284 The Jews of Eastern Europe

REL 221 Jewish Spirituality: Philosophers and Mystics

REL 224 Jews and Judaism in the Americas

REL 227 Judaism, Feminism, Women's Spirituality  
GOV 229 Government and Politics of Israel  
GOV 248 The Arab-Israel Dispute

**Literature and the Arts**

JUD 258/ENG 230 American Jewish Literature  
JUD 260 Yiddish Literature and Culture  
CLT 218 Holocaust Literature  
CLT 275 Israeli Literature  
GER 190 Jews in German Culture  
GER 230 Nazi Cinema  
SPN 246/280 Life Stories by Latin American Jewish Writers  
THE 241 Staging the Jew  
THE 220 Homelands: Israeli Drama

**Level 4: Advanced Courses**

(For juniors or seniors, normally with some prior experience in the field; research intensive.)

**Classical Texts**

REL 310 Seminar: Hebrew Bible  
REL/JUD 400 Special Studies: Readings in Hebrew Bible

**History and Thought**

REL 320 Seminar: Jewish Religion and Culture  
GOV 323 Warring for Heaven and Earth: Jewish and Muslim Political  
Activism in the Middle East

**Literature and the Arts**

JUD 362 Seminar in Modern Jewish Literature and Culture  
JUD 400 Special Studies: Readings in Modern Jewish Literature and Culture

## **B. Sample Pathway through the Jewish Studies Major**

### **Year 1**

- JUD 100y Elementary Modern Hebrew
- JUD/REL 225 Jewish Civilization: Text and Tradition

### **Year 2**

- JUD 200 Intermediate Modern Hebrew
- Articulation of a concentration within the major (in close consultation with an adviser)
- Begin Breadth Requirements

### **Year 3**

- Continue breadth requirements
- Fill out the elected concentration
- Elective course(s) in historical periods, texts, or areas that go beyond your concentration within the major
- Study Abroad for a semester or a year, possibly at an institution with a Jewish Studies curriculum

### **Year 4**

- Seminar from the approved list of Jewish Studies approved courses and/or JUD 400: Research-intensive special Studies and/or JUD 430d: Honors Thesis
- Complete breadth and/or concentration requirements

### **C. Courses Beyond the Major**

Jewish Studies believes that a well rounded liberal arts education must include not only a well defined major but a balanced selection of courses beyond the major. We encourage all our students to fulfill the Latin Honors Requirements established by the College, and especially to take courses in fields of knowledge that are new or challenging to them.

There are also many courses at Smith that would be of particular interest to students in Jewish Studies, either because they introduce students to useful methodological approaches or because they complement already existing courses within the program. We believe that such courses should be an important component in a student's construction of courses outside the major.

Finally, there are also courses at Smith that are not cross-listed by the Program but that touch on Jewish Studies. Students may count up to two such courses as electives toward the major with the prior approval of an adviser. Students must write one of their assignments for such courses on an appropriate Jewish Studies topic. Please consult the offerings of other programs and departments, and your adviser, for additional possibilities:

FYS 169 Women and Religion  
GER 248 Laboratories of Modernity, 1800-1900  
HST 246 Memory and History  
HST 203 Alexander the Great and the Hellenistic World  
HST 205 The Roman Empire  
HST 227 Outcasts: Minorities in Medieval Societies  
HST 243 Reconstructing Historical Communities  
HST 350 The History of Psychoanalysis  
SPN 250 Sex and the Medieval City  
SPN 332 The Middle Ages Today  
SPN 332 Queer Iberia

## **D. Sample Course Clusters Within the Major**

### **Bible:**

REL 210 Introduction to the Bible I (Hebrew Bible)  
REL 211 Wisdom Literature and Other Books from the Writings  
REL 213 Prophecy in Ancient Israel  
REL 215 Introduction to the Bible II (New Testament)  
REL 310 Seminar: Hebrew Bible  
REL/JUD 400 Special Studies: Readings in Hebrew Bible

### **Modern Jewish Literatures**

JUD 258/ENG 230 American Jewish Literature  
JUD 260 Yiddish Literature and Culture  
JUD 362 Seminar in Modern Jewish Literature  
CLT 218 Holocaust Literature  
CLT 275 Israeli Literature  
CLT 277 At Home With Kafka: Modern Jewish Fiction  
GER 190 Jews in German Culture  
SPN 246/280 Life Stories by Latin American Jewish Writers (in Spanish)  
THE 241 Staging the Jew  
THE 220 Homelands: Israeli Drama

### **Jewish History and Thought**

FYS 163 Holy Land  
JUD/HST 284 The Jews of Eastern Europe  
REL 220 Jews and Judaism in the Ancient World  
REL 223 The Modern Jewish Experience  
REL 224 Jews and Judaism in the Americas  
REL 221 Jewish Spirituality: Philosophers and Mystics  
REL 227 Judaism, Feminism, Women's Spirituality

### **Israel Studies**

CLT 275 Israeli Literature in International Context  
THE 220 Israeli Drama  
GOV 229 Government and Politics of Israel  
GOV 248 The Arab-Israel Dispute  
GOV 323 Warring for Heaven and Earth: Jewish and Muslim Political Activism in the Middle East

### **Modern European Jewry**

JUD 110j Yiddish Language and Culture  
JUD 260 Yiddish Literature  
JUD/HST 284 Jews of Eastern Europe  
REL 223 The Modern Jewish Experience  
CLT 218 Holocaust Lit  
CLT 277 At Home with Kafka: Modern Jewish Fiction  
GER 190 Jews in German Culture  
GER 230 Nazi Cinema

**Hebrew Language**

JUD 100y Elementary Modern Hebrew

JUD 200 Intermediate Modern Hebrew (alternates between Smith and Mt. Holyoke)

REL 295/6 Hebrew Religious Texts

JUD 400 Special Studies: Readings in Modern or Biblical Hebrew

UMass Offers advanced modern Hebrew every year