Judaic Studies

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The interdisciplinary Harold Schnitzer Family Program in Judaic Studies provides a comprehensive undergraduate curriculum in the history, religion, and cultural traditions of the Jewish people and offers instruction in biblical Hebrew language and literature. The program offers a major leading to a bachelor of arts (BA) degree and a minor. It sponsors courses, lectures, and other events of interest to the general student population and the wider community.

Faculty

Judith R. Baskin, Philip H. Knight Professor (Judaic studies). BA, 1971, Antioch; PhD, 1976, Yale. (2000)

Deborah A. Green, associate professor. BA, 1984, Brandeis; MA, 1997, PhD, 2003, Chicago. (2003)

The date in parentheses at the end of each entry is the first year on the University of Oregon faculty.

Executive Committee

Monique Balbuena, honors college

Judith R. Baskin (ex officio), Judaic studies

Deborah A. Green (chair), Judaic studies

D. Gantt Gurley, German and Scandinavian

Gina Herrmann, Romance languages

Heidi N. Kaufman, English

David M. Luebke, history

Carol Silverman, anthropology

Mary Wood, English

David Wacks, Romance languages

Participating

Michael G. Aronson, English

Monique Balbuena, honors college

Diane B. Baxter, anthropology

Shaul E. Cohen, geography

David A. Frank, honors college

Evlyn Gould, Romance languages

D. Gantt Gurley, German and Scandinavian

Gina Herrmann, Romance languages

Heidi N. Kaufman, English

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David M. Luebke, history

Judith Raiskin, women's and gender studies

Steven Shankman, English

Carol T. Silverman, anthropology

David Wacks, Romance languages

Mary E. Wood, English

Naomi Zack, philosophy

- **Bachelor of Arts**
- **Minor**

Undergraduate Studies

The Judaic studies program consists of core courses taught under the HBRW, JDST, and REL subject codes and related courses taught in the disciplines of participating faculty members—anthropology, art history, comparative literature, conflict and dispute resolution, English, geography, folklore, German and Scandinavian, history, landscape architecture, music, philosophy, political science, religious studies, Romance languages, and women's and gender studies.

The focus on Jewish cultures and experience as a lens to study the world provides a liberal arts background suitable to careers in a range of professional fields (law, education, rabbinate, social service, public policy) and prepares students for graduate work in Judaic studies, religious studies, and related fields.

Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

Lower-Division Requirements		
HBRW 111–113	Biblical Hebrew I-III	12
REL 211	Early Judaism	4
JDST 212	Medieval and Early Modern Judaism	4
JDST 213	The Jewish Encounter with Modernity	4
REL 222	Introduction to the Bible I	4
Upper-Division Requirements		
Select three of the following:		12
HBRW 311	Biblical Narrative	
HBRW 312	Biblical Poetry	
HBRW 313	Postbiblical Literature	
JDST 330	American Jewish Cultures	4
HBRW 399	Special Studies: [Topic]	1-12
Six approved elective courses [1]		24
Total Credits		**69-80**

[1] Courses must focus on significant issues in Judaic studies from the perspective of the instructor's academic discipline. See Electives table for a list of recently offered courses.

Electives

ANTH 429	Jewish Folklore and Ethnology	4
ENG 340	Jewish Writers	4

ENG 380	Film, Media, and History	4
FLR 411	Folklore and Religion	4
GER 368	Themes in German Literature	4
HIST 415	Advanced World History: [Topic]	4
HIST 428	Europe in the 20th Century: [Topic]	4
JDST 320M		4
JDST 324		4
JDST 330	American Jewish Cultures	4
JDST 340	Israelis and Palestinians	4
PHIL 320	Philosophy of Religion	4
REL 318	Women in Judaism	4

A list of approved courses is available from the program director preceding each term; it also appears in the online class schedule and the program website.

Honors in Judaic Studies

A degree with honors in Judaic studies requires the following:

1. Satisfaction of the requirements of the major
2. A cumulative grade point average of 3.50 in courses taken to satisfy the major requirements
3. Satisfactory completion of an honors thesis

The candidate for honors must register for 4 credits in Research: [Topic] (JDST 401) winter term of the senior year in order to prepare for writing the thesis, and for 4 credits in Thesis (JDST 403) spring term for its completion. A faculty committee of two supervises the project. A first draft of the thesis must be submitted six weeks before the end of the term in which the student expects to graduate and the final draft two weeks before the end of the term.

Minor in Judaic Studies

Lower-Division Requirements		
REL 211	Early Judaism	4
JDST 212	Medieval and Early Modern Judaism	4
JDST 213	The Jewish Encounter with Modernity	4
Upper-Division Requirements		
Four courses including one about the American Jewish experience [1]		16
Total Credits		**28**

[1] As many as 4 credits in Internship: [Topic] (JDST 404) or Practicum: [Topic] (JDST 409) or Practicum: [Topic] (HBRW 409) may be used to satisfy minor requirements.

Four-Year Degree Plan

The degree plan shown is only a sample of how students may complete their degrees in four years. There are alternative ways. Students should consult their advisor to determine the best path for them.

Bachelor of Arts in Judaic Studies

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
First Year			
Fall			
HBRW 111	Biblical Hebrew I	4	
REL 211	Early Judaism	4	
WR 121	College Composition I	4	
General education course in arts and letters		4	
	Credits	**16**	
Winter			
HBRW 112	Biblical Hebrew II	4	
JDST 212	Medieval and Early Modern Judaism	4	
REL 222	Introduction to the Bible I	4	
WR 122 or WR 123	College Composition II or College Composition III	4	
	Credits	**16**	
Spring			
HBRW 113	Biblical Hebrew III	4	
JDST 213	The Jewish Encounter with Modernity	4	
General education course in science		4	
General education course in social science		4	
	Credits	**16**	
	Total Credits	**48**	

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Second Year			
Fall			
HBRW 311	Biblical Narrative	4	
General education course in social science		4	
General education course that also satisfies a multicultural requirement		4	
Upper-division elective course		4	
	Credits	**16**	
Winter			
HBRW 312	Biblical Poetry	4	
General education course in science		4	
General education course in arts and letters		4	
Upper-division elective course		4	
	Credits	**16**	
Spring			
HBRW 313	Postbiblical Literature	4	
JDST 330	American Jewish Cultures	4	
General education course in science		4	
General education course in social science		4	
	Credits	**16**	
	Total Credits	**48**	

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Third Year			
Fall			
Upper-division elective courses		8	
General education course in science		4	
General education course in arts and letters		4	
	Credits	**16**	
Winter			
Upper-division elective course		4	
General education course that also satisfies a multicultural requirement		4	

General education course in arts and letters		4
Elective course		4
	Credits	**16**
Spring		
Upper-division elective courses		8
General education course in social science		4
Elective course		4
	Credits	**16**
	Total Credits	**48**

Course	Title	Credits	Milestones
Fourth Year			
Fall			
Elective		4	
Elective		4	
Elective		4	
Elective		4	
	Credits	**16**	
Winter			
Elective		4	
Elective		4	
Elective		4	
Elective		4	
	Credits	**16**	
Spring			
Elective		4	
Elective		4	
Elective		4	
Elective		4	
	Credits	**16**	
	Total Credits	**48**	