



Judaic Studies

The Frankel Center for Judaic Studies offers students an interdisciplinary approach to the study of Jewish civilization and thought. Judaic Studies brings new perspectives to bear on traditional areas of study through courses that explore the rich culture and historical experience of the Jewish people: their traditions, interactions with other cultures, and impact on world civilizations. The Center draws on the expertise of faculty in many disciplines including Anthropology, History, Political Science, Hebrew, Yiddish, English Literature, Germanic Studies, Law, Near Eastern Studies, Slavic

Studies, Social Work, and Sociology. Students studying Jewish society learn to engage multiple worlds, speak several languages, obtain a broad-based liberal arts education, and develop critical thinking and informed engagement.

A degree in Judaic Studies has served as a foundation for careers in many fields. Many students continue their education in graduate or professional school programs. This guide highlights some characteristic skills developed through Judaic Studies, and a variety of occupational opportunities.

SKILLS & ABILITIES

The interdisciplinary approach of Judaic Studies enables students to develop many skills and abilities, including critical thinking, cultural understanding, language proficiency, and gathering and synthesizing information.

Communication

- Writing clearly
- Presenting material to an audience
- Editing/proofreading materials
- Listening critically
- Evaluating ideas
- Reading for content and tone
- Synthesizing information
- Explaining complex concepts

Languages

- Reading for understanding
- Interpreting complex language
- Translating ideas/language
- Evaluating translations and original text
- Perceiving word patterns and structures
- Communicating cross culturally

Cultural Understanding

- Developing appreciation for other cultural perspectives
- Examining the relationship of historical, economic, religious, and political forces
- Incorporating interdisciplinary methods
- Understanding the dynamics of culture in society
- Working with competing notions and ideas

Analysis and Research

- Identifying research topics
- Generating and developing ideas
- Comparing/contrasting ideas and concepts
- Crafting hypotheses
- Critically analyzing results
- Working with original sources
- Applying methodologies from many disciplines

OCCUPATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The selected list that follows offers a glimpse of the wide-ranging career paths of Judaic Studies majors from the University of Michigan and other colleges. For those

occupations with a • additional training and/or graduate study is generally required.

Communication	Business	Government/ Public Service	Education and Human Services
Foreign Correspondent	Market Researcher	Lobbyist	•Professor
•Museum/Gallery Curator	•Manager of Translation/ Language Service	Immigration Officer	Student Exchange Program Coordinator
Editor	Public Relations Specialist	State Legislative Committee Staff Person	Manager, Private Language School
Foreign Affairs Journalist	Training Specialist	Research Assistant	Social Services Assistant
Special Events Coordinator	Corporate Travel Planner	•Director of Development	Jewish Communal Professional
Interpreter	Import/Export Trade Negotiator	•Lawyer	Performing & Cultural Arts Director
•Corporate Communi- cations Director	Consultant, Cross-Cultural Relations	Foreign Service Officer	•Special Collections Librarian
			•Physician
			•Psychologist/Psychiatrist

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

Pre-requisites

1. Judaic 205: Introduction to Jewish Civilizations and Cultures
2. Second semester proficiency in Modern Hebrew (HJCS 102) or Yiddish (Judaic 102), achieved either through coursework or placement examination

Course Work

Judaic Studies concentrators are required to complete 27 credits of work in approved courses, exclusive of the pre-requisites above. Fifteen of the 27 credits must be elected in residence unless special permission is given by the concentration advisor.

The 27 credits must include two courses in each category: Classical and Modern Judaism, Jewish Literature and Culture, and Jewish History and Social Science. In addition, two of the courses must cover or include material from pre-modern periods (before ca. 1750). Other courses, at the 200-level or above, may be approved by the concentration advisor.

The Center offers an Honors concentration to qualified Judaic Studies students, and requires a 3.5 GPA as well as a substantial Honors thesis. A 15-credit minor in Judaic Studies is also available. Prospective concentrators and minors should consult with the Center's concentration advisor. Please also refer to the LS&A Bulletin or the Center's website (www.lsa.umich.edu/Judaic) for more information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For information about careers, graduate/professional schools, internships, or job descriptions; and for library resources:

The Career Center
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For information about choosing a major and about concentration and degree requirements:

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