

Judaic Studies

Program Director

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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

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| 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

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

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| 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

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| REL 211 | Early Judaism | 4 |
| JDST 212 | Medieval and Early Modern Judaism | 4 |
| JDST 213 | The Jewish Encounter with Modernity | 4 |

Upper-Division Requirements

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| Four courses including one about the American Jewish experience ¹ | 16 |
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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 |

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| REL 211 | Early Judaism | 4 |
| WR 121 | College Composition I | 4 |
| General education course in arts and letters | | 4 |

Credits 16

Winter

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| HBRW 112 | Biblical Hebrew II | 4 |
| JDST 212 | Medieval and Early Modern Judaism | 4 |

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| REL 222 | Introduction to the Bible I | 4 |
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| WR 122 or WR 123 | College Composition II or College Composition III | 4 |
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Credits 16

Spring

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| HBRW 113 | Biblical Hebrew III | 4 |
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| JDST 213 | The Jewish Encounter with Modernity | 4 |
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| General education course in science | | 4 |
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| General education course in social science | | 4 |
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Credits 16

Total Credits 48

| Course | Title | Credits Milestones |
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| 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

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| HBRW 312 | Biblical Poetry | 4 |
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| General education course in science | | 4 |
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| General education course in arts and letters | | 4 |
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| Upper-division elective course | | 4 |
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Credits 16

Spring

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| HBRW 313 | Postbiblical Literature | 4 |
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| JDST 330 | American Jewish Cultures | 4 |
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| General education course in science | 4 |
| General education course in social science | 4 |
| Credits | 16 |
| Total Credits | 48 |

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