



Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan *Undergraduate Program*

B.A. in Judaic Studies

The baccalaureate in Judaic Studies is offered by the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies. An undergraduate degree in Judaic Studies offers students the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of Jewish culture, history, and religion, as well as to participate in courses in a variety of academic fields, thus developing familiarity with the tools of a number of disciplines. This provides a broad-based liberal arts education and contributes to the development of critical thinking and problem solving skills useful in any endeavor. Judaic Studies alumni often pursue careers in the rabbinate, Jewish communal service, or Jewish education, while others go on to law, medicine, and other professional or graduate schools.

B.A. in Judaic Studies students achieve fourth-semester proficiency in Hebrew or Yiddish and complete twenty-seven hours of course work, including three semesters of Jewish history survey courses, a course in rabbinic literature, an introduction to Jewish civilization, and additional courses selected in consultation with the undergraduate concentration advisor.

Judaic Studies students are encouraged to write a senior honors thesis, an experience that will allow them to research extensively an aspect of Judaic Studies that interests them deeply. This is excellent preparation for graduate work in any social science/humanities discipline. Research and travel funds are available to students writing theses, and these may be supplemented by sources administered by the Honors Program.

Academic Minor in Judaic Studies

The minor in Judaic Studies provides a basic familiarity with Judaic Studies, introducing students to the history and cultures of the Jewish people, and acquainting them with the development of Judaism, Hebrew, and Yiddish cultures, and the experience of the Jewish people in the ancient and modern Near East, medieval and modern Europe and North Africa, and modern North and South America.

Program Information

Contact the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies for additional information including descriptions of the concentration and minor, a complete list of all courses offered in Judaic Studies, and a list of courses offered in any one semester: www.umich.edu/~judstud (online); judstaff@umich.edu (email); or Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan, 3032 Frieze Building, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1285; 734.763.9047 (phone); 734.936.2186 (fax).

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