

Jewish Studies (BA)

Total Hours Required: 120

Plan of Study

The Plan of Study is a suggested four-year course sequence to support academic planning and serves as a helpful guide. Currently enrolled students should meet with their academic advisor to tailor their course selections and timelines to their individual goals and circumstances.

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Semester 1		
Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency		6
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing	3
First-Year Signature Course (090)		3
J S 304M	Jewish Civilization: Beginnings to 1492	3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency		6
Mathematics (020)		3
Social and Behavioral Sciences (080)		3
U.S. History (060)		3
Hours		15
Year 2		
Semester 1		
Hours chosen from: Lower-division J S		3
E 316L	British Literature	3
Natural Science and Technology, Part I (030)		3
U.S. History (060)		3
Visual and Performing Arts (050)		3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
Transcript-recognized minor or certificate		3
Natural Science and Technology, Part I (030)		3
GOV 310L	American and Texas Government	3
Additional Social Science (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)		3
Transcript-recognized minor or certificate		3
Hours		15
Year 3		
Semester 1		
J S 363	Topics in the Humanities and Arts	3
GOV 312L	Issues and Policies in American Government	3
Natural Science and Technology, Part II (093)		3
Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)		3
Transcript-recognized minor or certificate		3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
J S 363	Topics in the Humanities and Arts	3
J S 364	Topics in History	3
Transcript-recognized minor or certificate		3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		15
Year 4		
Semester 1		
J S 364	Topics in History	3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division J S		3
Transcript-recognized minor or certificate		3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		15

Semester 2	
Hours chosen from: Upper-division	3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division J S	3
Free Elective (upper-division)	6
Free Elective	3
Hours	15
Total Hours	120

Requirements

All requirements are listed below, starting with the most specialized moving to the most general. Additional requirements may follow the table, so be sure to read the entire page. Some required courses listed below may also satisfy [General Education](#) requirements, including [Core Curriculum](#).

Code	Title	Hours
Major		
Hours chosen from:		3
J S 304M	Jewish Civilization: Beginnings to 1492	
J S 304N	Jewish Civilization: 1492 to the Present	
Humanities and Arts		6
J S 363	Topics in the Humanities and Arts	
or J S 363D	Abraham and Abrahamic Religions	
or J S 363E	Jewish Voices from Latin America	
History and Social Science		
Choose a sequence below:		6
Sequence 1:		
J S 364	Topics in History (taken twice)	
Sequence 2:		
J S 365	Topics in the Social Sciences (any topic)	
or J S 365C	Multicultural Israel	
or J S 365D	Cultural Geographies of Israel	
Sequence 3:		
J S 364	Topics in History (any topic)	
J S 365	Topics in the Social Sciences	
or J S 365C	Multicultural Israel	
or J S 365D	Cultural Geographies of Israel	
Jewish Studies Coursework		
Hours chosen from: J S		3
Hours chosen from: J S (upper-division)		6
L A 320J or Option in Israel Studies may be used to fulfill this requirement.		
Subtotal		24
Degree (see details below)		51
Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.		15
Subtotal		66
General Education		
Remaining Core Curriculum (42 hours total)		30
Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency		
Subtotal		30
College Requirements - Liberal Arts		
General University Requirements		
Total Hours		120

Additional Requirements and Policies

Students are encouraged but not required to use Hebrew or Yiddish to fulfill the foreign language requirement.

Option in Israel Studies

Jewish studies majors can earn an Option in Israel Studies. To earn the OIS, students must complete the following:

Code	Title	Hours
Select six semester credit hours of upper-division coursework focused on Israel (may also be counted towards Jewish Studies major)		6
Select three semester credit hours content course in Middle Eastern studies not in Israel, chose from approved lists		3
Total Hours		9

Students in the OIS are encouraged but not required to use Hebrew or Arabic to fulfill the foreign language requirement.

Degree - Bachelor of Arts (BA) - Liberal Arts

Code	Title	Hours
Degree		
<i>Literature and Writing</i>		
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing (Plan II honors requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)	3
Hours chosen from: <u>Writing intensive coursework-see course list</u> (may also count toward Core Curriculum; Plan II honors requires at least a C-)		3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division <u>Writing intensive coursework-see course list</u> (may also count toward Core Curriculum; Plan II honors requires at least a C-)		6
Choose a sequence below:		12
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors (requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)		
E 303C	Plan II World Literature Part I	
or T C 303C	Plan II World Literature Part I	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
E 316L	British Literature	
or E 316M	American Literature	
or E 316N	World Literature	
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency</u>		3
Choose a sequence below: <i>Social Science</i>		3
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors (requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)		
S S 302C	Honors Social Science: Methods and Theory	
or S S 302D	Honors Social Science: Psychology	
or S S 302E	Honors Social Science: Anthropology	
or S S 302E	Honors Social Science: Anthropology	
or S S 302F	Honors Social Science: Economics	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
<u>Additional Social Science (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>		
<i>Mathematics</i>		
Choose a sequence below: (M 301, M 316K, and M 316L do not count toward this requirement)		3
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors		
M 310P	Modern Mathematics: Plan II	
Sequence 2: Plan I		
Hours chosen from: Mathematics		
Choose a sequence below:		3

Sequence 1: Plan II Honors	
T C 310	Modes of Reasoning
or PHL 313Q	Logic and Scientific Reasoning
Sequence 2: Plan I	
<u>Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>	
Choose a sequence below:	15
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors	
Six Hours chosen from: Astronomy, biology, chemistry, geological sciences, physical science, or physics (may also count toward Core Curriculum)	
BIO 301E	Problems in Modern Biology
PHY 321	Modern Physics: Plan II
Three Hours chosen from:	
Art history, music history, or history of theatre and dance	
Upper-division classical civilization, humanities, literature, or philosophy	
Sequence 2: Plan I International Relations and Global Studies	
Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.	
Sequence 3: Other Plan I	
Hours chosen from:	
<u>Transcript-recognized minor or certificate</u>	
Liberal Arts multi-disciplinary minor in the Social and Behavioral Sciences	
Liberal Arts multi-disciplinary minor in Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought	
Total Hours	51

Additional Requirements and Policies

Unless otherwise stated, students must complete at least:

- 15 upper-division degree hours
- 24 upper-division degree hours taken in residence at the University
- 36 additional degree hours taken in residence at the University.

Credit may be earned via credit by examination, extension, or transferred hours from another institution (requires dean's approval).

Major and minor required hours may also be used to fulfill degree requirements unless expressly prohibited.

A course in one degree area may not also be used to fulfill the requirements of another degree area unless specified otherwise.

Mathematics courses at the college algebra level may not count toward elective hours.

Majors

A major consists of 24 to 45 hours, with at least 15 upper-division hours unless the requirements of the major state otherwise.

Students must earn at least:

- 18 major hours taken in residence at the University.
- 6 upper-division major hours taken in residence at the University
- a 2.00 grade point average for in-residence major hours taken at the University unless a higher minimum scholastic requirement is specified for the major.

Minors

Students must get permission from their College of Liberal Arts academic advisor to pursue more than one transcript-recognized minor or certificate per major. The academic advisor will approve or deny the request after considering the student's long-term educational and professional goals and the student's ability to graduate within 4 years of entering the University.

Students should consult the department offering the course before planning to use it to fulfill the minor requirement.

Hours used to fulfill the requirements for a minor must be taken on the letter-grade basis.

See [University Minor and Certificate policies here](#).