Learning Objectives

Jewish Studies offers multidisciplinary courses in history, philosophy, religious studies, literature, sociology, and linguistics that aid students in gaining an understanding of the Jewish past and present. Students majoring and minoring in Jewish studies should graduate with:

- knowledge of the growth and development of Jewish religion, history, and culture from the ancient to the contemporary periods.
- the critical skill set to use Jewish history to identify and analyze the cultural, social and political dynamics that shape majority/minority relations
- the ability to evaluate the influence of living in diverse societies on Jews and Judaism and to
- identify changing Jewish responses to theological, religious, societal, and political changes
- an understanding of the connections and competitions between different religious and cultural traditions with which Jewish communities developed in distinct historical periods
- knowledge of different literary and historical genres of Jewish literary, cultural and religious writing
- an introduction to modern Hebrew language as understood within in the context of the history, culture, and society of Israel
- the capacity to create and produce informed, objective research and communicate a point of view with clarity both orally and in writing