

# JEWISH STUDIES

This major is offered jointly by the USC School of Religion and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, an independent college adjacent to the USC campus. It provides the opportunity for in-depth study of Jewish thought, ethics, history, literature, tradition, spirituality, and women's studies using approaches developed through the academic study of religion.

## BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) GENERAL OVERVIEW

One introductory course from the following:

- **Judaism**
- **Introduction to Jewish History**

Two core courses:

- **Introduction to the Study of the Religion**
- **Seminar in Religious Studies**

One course from the area of Judaism as a Religious Tradition. Examples include:

- **Biblical Wisdom Literature**
- **Food, Faith and Conflict**

One course from the area of Jewish History and Culture. Examples include:

- **The Jew in American Society**
- **The Holocaust in 20th Century Europe**

Three elective courses from either of the previous areas. Examples include:

- **Mixing and Matching: Intermarriage in the 21st Century**
- **Anti-Semitism, Racism and Other Hatreds**
- **Culture and Society in Israel: Inventing the Dream**
- **Holy War and History: Jews, Christians, Muslims**
- **Jewish Magic in the Ancient World**

## ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

**Shoah Foundation:** The Foundation's Visual History Archive holds nearly 52,000 video testimonies of Holocaust survivors, liberators and liberation witnesses, political prisoners, rescuers and aid providers, and war crimes trial participants. The collection covers 32 languages, represents 56 countries, and is the largest collection of its kind in the world.

**Study Abroad:** Improve your Hebrew skills and understanding of religion, international relations, and philosophy by spending a semester or year at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

**The West Semitic Research Project:** For the past 20 years, WSRP has used advanced photographic and computer imaging techniques to document objects and texts from the ancient world to make them available to scholars, students, educators, and the general public.