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) REQUIREMENTS OVERVIEW

One Introductory Course, choose from either:

- Judaism
- Introduction to Jewish History

Two Core Courses

- Introduction to the Study of the Religion
- Seminar in Religion

One course from the Judaism as a Religious Tradition Track

One Course from the Jewish History and Culture Track

Three Electives from either of the tracks listed above, see a few examples below:

- Mixing and Matching: Intermarriage in the 21st Century
- The American Jewish Experience in Film
- 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
- Blacks and Jews: Conflicts and Alliances

EXPERIENTIAL 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 trials participants. The testimonies cover 32 languages, representing 56 countries and are 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 in Jerusalem at The Hebrew University.
- **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.

For additional information, including all major requirements, please consult the USC Catalogue or http://dornsife.usc.edu/jewishstudies/majors-minors/