NAME OF DEGREE PROGRAM(S):

BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN JEWISH STUDIES

EXPLAIN CHANGE(S) TO DEGREE PROGRAM:

• Increase hours required for the major from 24 to 27 hours;
• Create a new series of introductory courses;
• Change structure of upper-division course requirements, currently 3 hours in each of 3 areas, to 6 hours in each of 2 areas.

Indicate pages in the Undergraduate Catalog where changes will be made.
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GIVE A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR CHANGE(S):

• Enrich the major experience by increasing hours required in the two remaining JS major areas (Humanities and arts; History and social science).
• Strengthen basic preparation with more lower-division course requirements; we will be creating a new series of introductory civilization courses, JS 304K and JS 304L; majors will be required to complete one of the two, then choose an additional three hours of lower-division course-work.
• We are combining our History and Social Science areas into one category because of course availability and, as important, because of the methodological kinship of the courses in these categories that we have offered in the past and present.

SCOPE OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE(S):
Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools? If yes, then how?   NO

Will this proposal change the number of required hours for degree completion? If yes, please explain.

NO – will subtract 3 hours from electives. Degree will remain 120 hours.

Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum (42-hour core, signature courses, flags)? If yes, please explain.   NO

COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS:
(Circle yes or no)

Department:  Yes  X  Date:  July 10, 2009
College:  Yes  No  Date:  
Dean:  Yes  No  Date:  

Please include a draft of the catalog copy on an attached page. The draft should be based on the text of the current catalog available at http://www.utexas.edu/faculty/council/pages/catalog_chgs/catcopy.html.
CHANGES IN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN JEWISH STUDIES IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS CHAPTER OF THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2010-2012

On page 326, under the heading DEGREES, in the MAJORS AND MINORS subsection of the College of Liberal Arts chapter of the Undergraduate Catalog, 2008-2010, make the following changes:

Jewish Studies

Major: Twenty-seven semester hours of coursework in Jewish studies, consisting of Jewish Studies 301, 311, 304K or 304L, at least three additional hours of lower-division, and eighteen hours of upper-division coursework. Students must complete at least three six hours in each of the following areas:

1. Humanities and arts: Jewish Studies 363 or a comparable course identified by the faculty adviser.
2. History and social science: Jewish Studies 364, 365, or a comparable course identified by the faculty adviser.
3. Social science: Jewish Studies 365 or a comparable course identified by the faculty adviser.

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

No more than six hours in upper-division conference courses may be counted toward the major.