

Proposal for Minor in Jewish Studies

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Basic Information

Proposed catalog year cycle for implementing the new minor: 2020-2022

Name of the new minor: Jewish Studies

The College/School and, if applicable, the Department sponsoring the minor: College of Liberal Arts, Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies

Names of all individuals who supplied: Departmental approval, College approval, and Dean approval, along with approval dates.

Proposal Rationale

The general objective for the new degree program:

Adding a Minor in Jewish Studies will allow students majoring and double-majoring in other fields to demonstrate a concentration in Jewish Studies. Students majoring in IRG, for example, whose degree requires a concentration in area studies, might be interested in adding a Minor in Jewish Studies. The same would be true for Majors in REE and MES. With more active recruiting, the Minor in Jewish Studies is also likely to become a gateway for more students to the Major in Jewish Studies (which would require 12 more hours).

Logistics

Number of students expected to receive the minor each semester: 10 (not sure how to know)

Maximum number of students who can be in the minor program at any given time: n/a

Admissions requirements: n/a

Number of hours required for completion: 15 hours*

*3 hours of which can be an internship course in Jewish Studies.

1 required course (3 hours) chosen from one of these two introductory courses:

JS 304M “Jewish Civilization: Beginning to 1492” (Schofer/Fall)

JS 304N “Jewish Civilization: 1492 to Present” (Bodian/Spring)

12 additional hours of Jewish Studies courses of which 9 must be upper-division (of these 9 hours, 3 hours must be in Humanities and 3 hours in History and Social Science).

Name, title, College, Department, highest degree and awarding institution for all members on the Minor Faculty Committee:

Dr. Miriam Bodian, Professor, COLA, History, PhD, Hebrew University.
Dr. David Crew, Distinguished Teaching Professor, COLA, History, PhD, Cornell University.
Dr. Karen Grumberg, Associate Professor, COLA, Middle Eastern Studies, PhD, UCLA.
Dr. Jonathan Kaplan, Assistant Professor, COLA, Middle Eastern Studies, PhD, Harvard University.
Dr. Tatjana Lichtenstein, Associate Professor, COLA, History, PhD, University of Toronto.
Dr. Jonathan Schofer, Associate Professor, COLA, Religious Studies, PhD, University of Chicago.
Dr. Amelia Weinreb, Senior Lecturer, COLA, Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies, PhD, University of Pennsylvania.

Minor Faculty Committee Chair: Dr. Tatjana Lichtenstein, Director, SCJS.

For each course that will qualify for the new minor (Abbreviation, Number, Title, Semester credit hours, prerequisites if any):

JS 304M “Jewish Civilization: Beginning to 1492” (Schofer/Fall)
JS 304N “Jewish Civilization: 1492 to Present” (Bodian/Spring)
JS 301 “Jewish Studies: An Intro” (Weinreb/Fall)
JS 305D “Introduction to Jewish Latin America” (Weinreb/Spring)
JS306E “The Rise of Christianity”
JS 311 “Intro to the Old Testament”
JS 311 “History of Israel” (Lustig/Fall)

JS 363 “Imagining Genocide”
JS 363 “Debating Genesis”
JS 363 “Jewish Folklore”
JS 363D “Abraham & Abrahamic Religion”
JS363E “Jewish Voices from Latin America”

JS 364 “Intro to the Holocaust”
JS 364 “Paul and His Social World”
JS 364 “UT Jews in the Civil Rights Era”
JS 365 “Holocaust Aftereffects” (Bos/Fall)
JS 365D “Cultural Geographies of Israel) (Weinreb/Fall)
JS 364 “The Dead Sea Scrolls” (Kaplan/Fall)
JS 364 “Germany since Hitler” (Crew/Fall)
JS365C “Multicultural Israel” (Weinreb/Spring)
JS364 “Archives and Memory” (Lustig/Fall)

You will be given the (optional) opportunity to suggest a CIP code for the new minor.

Out-of-Program Impact

If your proposed minor will have a discernable effect on other academic units (e.g. budget, student enrollment), you are required to obtain approval from those units. Approval can only be granted by a Dean, an Associate/Assistant Dean, or a Chair/Director.

First, the CCP form will ask several questions to attempt to assess whether this minor will have an impact on any academic programs outside of the unit proposing the change. You will need to know if the minor:

Involves courses in other colleges/schools: no.

Involves courses in your college that are frequently taken by students in other colleges: maybe.

Might cause a net increase or a net decrease in the number of students from your college taking courses in other colleges: n/a

Might cause a net increase or a net decrease in the number of students from outside your college taking courses in your college: n/a

Involves changes to the core curriculum or other basic education requirements. If it is clear that the minor will affect specific outside programs, the form requires you to provide the approval information for any affected units including:

Could affect Jewish Studies but in a positive way and we are Jewish Studies.

Title of approver (must be a Dean, Associate/Assistant Dean, or a Chair/Director): Director, SCJS

Name of approver: Tatjana Lichtenstein

Date of approval: 2/1/2019

Approving unit's official response: