

JEWISH STUDIES (JEWISH)

Jewish Studies Courses

JEWISH 100 Introduction to Judaism

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Laws, beliefs, rituals, and holidays of the Jewish religion and people; development of Judaism.

Prerequisites: none.

Course Rules: Previously HEBR ST 100. No credit for students with credit in HEBR ST 238 with same topic.

General Education Requirements: Humanities and Arts

Last Taught: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JEWISH 101 Jewish Culture in America: History, Literature, Film

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Cross-disciplinary study of modern Jewish culture in America, with particular attention given to Jewish-American literature, film, and history of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Prerequisites: none.

General Education Requirements: Civics and Perspectives

Last Taught: Fall 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2017.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JEWISH 192 First-Year Seminar.

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Specific humanities topics are announced in the Timetable each time the class is offered.

Prerequisites: none.

Course Rules: Open only to freshmen. Students may earn cr in just one L&S First-Year Sem (course numbers 192, 193, 194).

Last Taught: Fall 2010.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JEWISH 193 First-Year Seminar.

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Specific social science topics are announced in the Timetable each time the class is offered.

Prerequisites: none.

Course Rules: Open only to freshmen. Students may earn cr in just one L&S First-Year Sem (course numbers 192, 193, 194).

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JEWISH 199 Independent Study

1-3 cr. Undergraduate.

Independent work under supervision of faculty or academic staff member. For further information, consult dept chair.

Prerequisites: 2.0 GPA; consent of instructor, department chair, and Assistant Dean for Student Academic Services.

Course Rules: May be retaken to 6 cr max.

Last Taught: Spring 2018, Spring 2010, Fall 2009, Spring 2008.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JEWISH 230 Bible Stories

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Introduction to the central stories of the Hebrew Bible with particular attention to their literary, aesthetic, social and moral meanings.

Prerequisites: none.

Course Rules: Previously HEBR ST 230.

General Education Requirements: Humanities and Arts

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JEWISH 231 Introduction to the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible

3 cr. Undergraduate.

The books of the Jewish Scriptures/Christian Old Testament; brief survey of history of ancient Israel. Emphasis on reading biblical texts as ancient religious literature.

Prerequisites: none.

Course Rules: Previously HEBR ST 231.

General Education Requirements: Humanities and Arts

Last Taught: Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2022.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JEWISH 235 The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Literature and theology of the 'Dead Sea Scrolls,' emphasizing their relationship to the Bible. Their importance for studying the history of early Judaism and Christianity.

Prerequisites: none.

Course Rules: Previously HEBR ST 235.

Last Taught: Spring 2012, Fall 2006, Fall 2005, Fall 2004.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JEWISH 247 Topics in Jewish Literature, Art, and Culture:

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Introduction to various aspects of modern Jewish literature, art, and culture; possible topics include Jewish music, Jewish American literature, Holocaust literature, and Jewish art.

Prerequisites: none.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to 9 cr max.

Last Taught: Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2014, Fall 2012.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JEWISH 261 Representing the Holocaust in Words and Images

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Holocaust literature and film; issues of representation and memory. Texts include memoirs, graphic novels, fiction, and documentaries.

Prerequisites: none.

Course Rules: No credit for students with credit in HEBR ST 238 with same topic. HEBR ST 261/JEWISH 261 were previously jointly offered.

They count as repeats of one another.

General Education Requirements: Civics and Perspectives

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JEWISH 289 Internship in Jewish Studies, Lower Division

1-6 cr. Undergraduate.

Application of basic principles of Jewish studies in business, organizational, educational, political, or other appropriate setting.

Prerequisites: introductory course in JEWISH; 2.50 GPA, and consent of supervising faculty member.

Course Rules: One cr earned for academic work based on 40 hrs in internship. May be retaken to 6 cr max.

Last Taught: Fall 2011, Fall 2008.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JEWISH 297 Study Abroad:

1-12 cr. Undergraduate.

Designed to enroll students in UWM sponsored program before course work level, content, and credits are determined and/or in specially prepared program course work.

Prerequisites: acceptance for Study Abroad Prog.

Course Rules: May be retaken w/chg in topic.

Last Taught: Spring 2019, Spring 2015.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JEWISH 299 Ad Hoc:

1-6 cr. Undergraduate.

Course created expressly for offering in a specified enrollment period. Requires only dept & assoc dean approval. In exceptional circumstances, can be offered in one add'l sem.

Prerequisites: none; add'l prereqs may be assigned to specific topic.

Course Rules: May be retaken w/chg in topic.

Last Taught: Spring 2014, Spring 2013.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JEWISH 321 The Holocaust and the Politics of Memory

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Exploration of the political, sociological, and cultural motivations behind public debates about the Holocaust in post-WWII Germany, Israel, and France.

Prerequisites: jr st.

Last Taught: Fall 2013, Spring 2012, Spring 2011, Spring 2010.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JEWISH 328 The Arab-Israeli Conflict

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Competing views about the Arab-Israeli conflict, especially its Palestinian dimension. History and evolution of the conflict; current issues and possible solutions.

Prerequisites: jr st.

Course Rules: Comparative politics course. Jewish 328 & Pol Sci 328 are jointly offered; they count as repeats of one another. Counts as a repeat of Hebr St 238 with same topic.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JEWISH 328G The Arab-Israeli Conflict

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Competing views about the Arab-Israeli conflict, especially its Palestinian dimension. History and evolution of the conflict; current issues and possible solutions.

Prerequisites: jr st.

Course Rules: Comparative politics course. Jewish 328 & Pol Sci 328 are jointly offered; they count as repeats of one another. Counts as a repeat of Hebr St 238 with same topic.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JEWISH 331 Topics in Biblical Literature:

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Analysis of genres or issues in biblical literature; topics may include wisdom literature, prophetic writings, Bible as literature, God in the Old Testament.

Prerequisites: jr st.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to 9 cr max.

Previously HEBR ST 331.

Last Taught: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2017.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JEWISH 332 Women in the Bible

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Analyzes stories about women in the Old Testament from a literary, cultural and historical perspective; includes how these texts have influenced modern views of women.

Prerequisites: jr st.

Course Rules: Previously HEBR ST 332.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JEWISH 350 Global Jewish Film and Television:

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Global Jewish identity in its historic and contemporary cultural dimensions through film and media texts, analysis, and criticism.

Prerequisites: junior standing.

Course Rules: Retakable with change in topic to 9 cr max. ENGLISH 350, FILMSTD 350, and JEWISH 350 are jointly offered; with the same topic, they count as repeats of one another.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JEWISH 358 The Jews of Modern Europe: History and Culture

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

History of the Jews in Europe from the middle of the eighteenth century to the present, with an emphasis on their cultural production.

Prerequisites: jr st.

Course Rules: Hist 358 & Jewish 358 are jointly offered; they count as repeats of one another.

Last Taught: Spring 2025, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JEWISH 358G The Jews of Modern Europe: History and Culture

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

History of the Jews in Europe from the middle of the eighteenth century to the present, with an emphasis on their cultural production.

Prerequisites: jr st.**Course Rules:** Hist 358 & Jewish 358 are jointly offered; they count as repeats of one another.**Last Taught:** Spring 2025, Spring 2024.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**JEWISH 368 Jewish and Christian Responses to the Holocaust**

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Jewish and Christian answers to theological questions raised by the Holocaust, such as 'Where was God?' Focus on interfaith dialogue and understanding.

Prerequisites: jr st.**Course Rules:** No credit for students with credit in HEBR ST 254 with same topic. HEBR ST 368 and JEWISH 368 were previously jointly offered; they count as repeats of one another.**Last Taught:** Spring 2022, Spring 2020, Spring 2017, Fall 2014.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**JEWISH 379 Introduction to Jewish History**

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Historical survey of major currents in Jewish culture and society from antiquity to the present day, with particular focus on the modern era.

Prerequisites: junior standing; and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or graduate standing.**Course Rules:** HIST 379 and JEWISH 379 are jointly offered; they count as repeats of one another.**Last Taught:** Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**JEWISH 411 Old Testament Texts:**

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Reading of Hebrew text through grammatical and critical analysis. Specific topics and any additional prerequisites will be announced in Schedule of Classes each time course is offered.

Prerequisites: jr st; HEBR ST 106(P) or HEBR ST 202(P).**Course Rules:** Previously HEBR ST 411. Retakable with change in topic to 9 cr max.**Last Taught:** Fall 1994, Spring 1994.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**JEWISH 411G Old Testament Texts:**

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Reading of Hebrew text through grammatical and critical analysis. Specific topics and any additional prerequisites will be announced in Schedule of Classes each time course is offered.

Prerequisites: jr st; HEBR ST 106(P) or HEBR ST 202(P).**Course Rules:** Previously HEBR ST 411. Retakable with change in topic to 9 cr max.**Last Taught:** Fall 1994, Spring 1994.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**JEWISH 421 Introduction to Yiddish Literature:**

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Development of Yiddish literature from medieval times to the twentieth century; close readings of works of major writers.

Prerequisites: jr st.**Course Rules:** In English. May be retaken w/chg in topic to 9 cr max.**Last Taught:** Fall 2013, Spring 2012.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**JEWISH 449 Modern Jewish Thought**

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Historical development of Jewish philosophical thought since the nineteenth century; close reading of influential thinkers of modern and contemporary times.

Prerequisites: jr st.**Course Rules:** No cr for students w/cr in Hebr St 499 w/same title.**Last Taught:** Fall 2009.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**JEWISH 489 Internship in Jewish Studies, Upper Division**

1-6 cr. Undergraduate.

Application of basic principles of Jewish studies in business, organizational, educational, political, or other appropriate setting.

Prerequisites: junior standing; 300-level or above course in Jewish Studies; 2.50 GPA and consent of supervising faculty member.**Course Rules:** One cr earned for academic work based on 40 hrs in internship. May be retaken to 6 cr max.**Last Taught:** Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Spring 2021, Spring 2018.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**JEWISH 497 Study Abroad:**

1-12 cr. Undergraduate.

Designed to enroll students in UWM sponsored program before course work level, content, and credits are determined and/or in specially prepared program course work.

Prerequisites: jr st; acceptance for Study Abroad Prog.**Course Rules:** May be retaken w/chg in topic.**Last Taught:** Fall 2012.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**JEWISH 499 Ad Hoc:**

1-6 cr. Undergraduate.

Course created expressly for offering in a specified enrollment period. Requires department and associate dean approval. In exceptional circumstances, can be offered in one additional semester.

Prerequisites: junior standing; additional prerequisites may be assigned to specific topic.**Course Rules:** May be retaken with change in topic.**Last Taught:** Spring 2008.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**JEWISH 500 Seminar in Jewish Studies:**

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Seminar on a particular topic in Jewish Studies.

Prerequisites: jr st; a Hebr St or Jewish course; or cons instr.**Course Rules:** May be retaken w/chg in topic to 9 cr max.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JEWISH 699 Advanced Independent Study

1-3 cr. Undergraduate.

Advanced level independent work under the supervision of a Jewish studies faculty or academic staff member.

Prerequisites: jr st; 2.0 GPA; consent of instructor, department chair, and Assistant Dean for Student Academic Services.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to 9 cr max.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

JEWISH 799 Independent Study

1-3 cr. Graduate.

Independent reading or project; topic selected in consultation with supervising professor.

Prerequisites: grad st

Course Rules: Retakable w/chg in topic to 6 cr max.

Last Taught: Fall 2014, Fall 2013, Fall 2012.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>