Overview

Jewish civilization has a recorded global history of 4,000 years. Drawing from texts spanning from the Hebrew Scriptures to post-modern writing, the study of the Jewish diasporas in their transnational historical and cultural contexts provides students with insight into the complexities of global culture, identity, religion, and politics. All Jewish Studies courses are offered in the History Department.

Advice to Students

Students considering a minor in Jewish Studies should consult with the Director of Jewish Studies. Those considering any advanced work related to Jewish Studies or Jewish professional work are encouraged to study Hebrew at Queen's and abroad, especially in Israel, with prior approval of the Director.

No specific background is required to enroll in many Jewish studies courses. Students wishing to take advantage of the opportunity to study Jewish life in the context of the surrounding cultures are urged to consider a degree in Religion as a Major, Medial, or Minor.

Future Prospects

In addition to providing an undergraduate program, Jewish studies, like History, offers a background for many careers requiring liberal arts training, especially strong writing, research, and speaking skills. These include public service, government, education, law, business, social work, clergy, graduate study, journalism, and communal service. With backgrounds in the humanities, students also go to professional training in scientific fields such as medicine, nursing, and physical and occupational therapy.

Faculty

Howard Adelman

Programs

- Jewish Studies – General (Arts) – Bachelor of Arts
- Jewish Studies – Minor (Arts)

Courses

HEBR 190 Introduction to Modern Hebrew

For students with no (or a minimal) background in Hebrew. Introduces elements of grammar and vocabulary of modern Hebrew.

Requirements: Prerequisite Permission of the Instructor.

Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
HEBR 192 Introductory Biblical Hebrew  Units: 3.00
Provides a basic introduction to reading and understanding biblical Hebrew prose. No prior knowledge of Hebrew assumed.
NOTE This course replaces the first semester of HEBR 191.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite None. Exclusion HEBR 191.
Course Equivalencies: HEBR191; HEBR192
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

HEBR 193 Classical Hebrew Fundamentals  Units: 3.00
Focus is on reading prose portions with comprehension in biblical texts. Certain extra-biblical second Temple literature may also be read (e.g., texts from the Dead Sea Scrolls).
NOTE This course replaces the second semester of HEBR 191.
LEARNING HOURS 120 (36L;84P).
Requirements: Prerequisite HEBR 192 or permission of the Instructor. Exclusion HEBR 191. Equivalency HEBR 191.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

HEBR 292 Intermediate Biblical Hebrew  Units: 3.00
Readings in biblical Hebrew prose and poetry.
Requirements: Prerequisite (HEBR 191 or HEBR 193) or permission of the Instructor.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

HEBR 295 Intermediate Modern Hebrew I  Units: 3.00
An extensive grammar review with practice in speaking, writing and translation, based on the reading of texts by modern Hebrew writers. HEBR 295, when offered, is a direct continuation of HEBR 294.
Requirements: Prerequisite HEBR 190 or permission of the Instructor.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

HEBR 296 Intermediate Modern Hebrew II  Units: 3.00
For a complete description, see HEBR 294.
Requirements: Prerequisite HEBR 294 or permission of the Instructor.
Offering Faculty: School of Religion

HEBR 301 Topics in Hebrew  Units: 3.00
Specialized study, as circumstances permit, of a particular author, genre, theme, movement, literary form or some combination of these elements. Course details to be announced on website.
Requirements: Prerequisite HEBR 294 or permission of the Instructor. Note Visit the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures website for more information about this course.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

HEBR 393 Reading Modern Hebrew Literature  Units: 3.00
Selections from current Israeli media including music, newspapers and television, as well as from modern Hebrew prose and poetry (e.g., Ahad Haam, Bialik, Tchernichowski, Agnon, Amichai, Oz, Yehoshua). The selections are studied in Hebrew; written assignments may be submitted in English.
Course Equivalencies: HEBR293, HEBR393
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

JWST 135 The Jewish World  Units: 6.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

JWST 220 Topics in Jewish Mysticism  Units: 3.00
Requirements: RELS1## OR JWST1## OR 99999999 OR HEBR1##
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

JWST 270 Women & Judaism  Units: 3.00
Requirements: JWST#### OR RELS#### OR WMNS####
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

JWST 280 Jews On Film  Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

JWST 301 Topics in Jewish Studies I  Units: 3.00
A topic of current interest in Jewish Studies not covered in other available courses. Seminars offered by regular and visiting faculty on topics related to their own research or interest. Consult the Jewish Studies website.
Requirements: Requires a minimum of 24.00 units
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

JWST 302 Topics in Jewish Studies II  Units: 3.00
A topic of current interest in Jewish Studies not covered in other available courses. Seminars offered by regular and visiting faculty on topics related to their own research or interest. Consult the Jewish Studies website.
Requirements: Requires a minimum of 24.00 units
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science
JWST 394 Politics Of Israel Units: 3.00
Requirements: (POLS2### AND POLS####) OR (POLS2### AND JWST####) OR (POLS2### AND JWST####) OR (POLS2### AND HEBR####) OR (JWST2### AND POLS####) OR (JWST2### AND JWST####) OR (JWST2### AND HEBR####) OR (HEBR2### AND POLS####) OR (HEBR2### AND JWST####) OR (HEBR2### AND JWST####) OR (HEBR2### AND JWST####) OR (HEBR2### AND JWST####)
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

JWST 501 Directed Reading in Jewish Studies I Units: 3.00
Directed reading on topics in Jewish Studies not covered in other courses available to the student.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

JWST 502 Directed Reading in Jewish Studies II Units: 3.00
Directed reading on topics in Jewish Studies not covered in other courses available to the student.
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

JWST 594 Independent Study Units: 3.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

JWST 595 Independent Study Units: 6.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science

JWST 596 Independent Study Units: 12.00
Offering Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Science