



**Franklin College of
Arts and Sciences**
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

CURRICULUM REQUEST FORM

Please complete a separate request for each curriculum item being submitted. Each request should include a PDF file of the curriculum item being reviewed. This form along with the file should be emailed to April Brown at albrown@uga.edu.

Date: 11/14/2023

Department/Institute/Program: Religion



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Curriculum Item Request: Proposal for New Degree or Major Programs, New Minor Proposals, or New Area of Emphasis



Please provide an explanation/justification for this request:

Justification for New Minor Proposal: Jewish Studies Minor

The courselist in the proposal shows that the Franklin College calendar includes a large number of courses relevant to Jewish Studies. With the hire this year of the Davis Chair in Jewish Studies, and with an Academic Professional Associate in Religion, we are confident that we can regularly offer enough courses to comfortably support such a minor. Moreover, UGA is an outlier in not having a Jewish Studies minor. Of the 30 top public universities (according to US News & World Report), only two (UGA and Georgia Tech) lack a minor (or equivalent) in Jewish Studies, and within the SEC, only three other schools lack a Jewish Studies minor. Having this minor will help Franklin College in its mission to align pre-professional training with area and ethnic studies.

For further details about the Jewish Studies Minor, please see the Minor Proposal Form.

As Department Head, you are affirming that the department procedures have been followed for approval with your unit.

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PROPOSAL FOR MINOR PROGRAM OF STUDY

1. **School/College:** Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
2. **Department/Division:** Religion
3. **Minor Name:** Jewish Studies
4. **Proposed Effective Date:** Fall 2024
5. **Which campus(es) will offer this program?** Athens
6. **Program Description:**

The University of Georgia's investment in the growth and development of Jewish Studies has allowed the state's flagship institution to foster a robust and enriching curriculum curated primarily by Religion Department faculty consisting of two full professors and an academic professional associate. With regular course offerings in Religion and courses from supporting Jewish Studies faculty in other units, such as Comparative Literature, English, Philosophy, and SPIA, the Department of Religion proposes a minor in Jewish Studies. The minor will draw from a constituency of students embracing elements across the humanities and social sciences, especially cultural anthropology, history, linguistics, religion, sociology, philosophy, and comparative literature.

A Jewish Studies minor will offer a comprehensive program suited for students with wide-ranging interests, providing access to historical and cultural content with modern day significance. Courses in various disciplines will prepare students to explore and evaluate the many intricacies and valences of Judaism, modern Israel, and Jewish history and culture, allowing students access to Jewish writings, arts, cultures and traditions. A Jewish Studies minor will prepare graduates for careers in education, international relations, international business, public service, and other professions that require strong cultural competency.

7. Program of Study/Requirements:

- *A minor must contain at least 9 hours of upper division course work.*
- *Courses taken to satisfy Core Areas I through V may not be counted as course work in the minor.*
- *Courses taken in Core Area VI may be counted as course work in the minor.*

Undergraduates minoring in Jewish Studies are expected to complete the required course and four electives. At least 9 of the required 15 hours must be taken at the upper-division level.

Required Course – 3 hours

All students must complete at least 1 course in Hebrew (HEBR) in residency.

Elective Courses – 12 hours

CMLT 4040/6040, Jewish Literature (3 hours)

CMLT 4170/6170, Israel or Palestine? Culture and Conflict in the Middle East (3 hours)

CMLT 4630/6630, Holocaust Literature and Film (3 hours)

FCID 3500, The Holocaust from the Victims' Perspectives (3 hours)
GRMN 3840, The Jewish Experience in German Culture (3 hours)
HEBR 1001, Elementary Hebrew I (4 hours)
HEBR 1002, Elementary Hebrew II (4 hours)
HEBR 2003, Intermediate Hebrew I (3 hours)
HEBR 2004, Intermediate Hebrew II (3 hours)
HEBR 3000, Contemporary Hebrew Conversation and Composition (3 hours)
HEBR 3001, Digital Hebrew (3 hours)
HEBR 3005, Modern Hebrew (3 hours)
HEBR 3006, Advanced Hebrew Language: Literary Translation (3 hours)
HEBR (LING) 4088/6088, Essentials of Hebrew: A Linguistic Approach (3 hours)
HEBR 4100/6100, Reading and Research in Hebrew Literature (3 hours)
HEBR 4101I/6010I, Advanced Hebrew (3 hours)
HEBR 4960H, Directed Reading and/or Projects (Honors) (3 hours)
HEBR 4970H, Directed Reading and/or Projects (Honors) (3 hours)
HEBR 4980H, Directed Reading and/or Projects (Honors) (3 hours)
HEBR 4990H, Honors Thesis (3 hours)
INTL 4370, Middle Eastern Politics (3 hours)
INTL 4371, Israeli Politics (3 hours)
PHIL 3500, Jewish Philosophy (3 hours)
RELI 1007, Reading the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible (3 hours)
RELI 1300, Jews and Food (3 hours)
RELI 1400, Jews and Judaism in Popular Culture (3 hours)
RELI 3500, Antisemitism (3 hours)
RELI 4001/6001, Old Testament/Hebrew Bible Literature (3 hours)
RELI 4002/6002, Prophetic Literature of the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible (3 hours)
RELI 4003/6003, Ancient Israelite Religion (3 hours)
RELI 4004/6004, Psalms, Job, and Other Writings of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament (3 hours)
RELI 4008/6008, Jewish Myths and Legends (3 hours)
RELI 4040/6040, Apocalyptic Literature (3 hours)
RELI 4070/6070, Judaism (3 hours)
RELI 4071/6071, The Holocaust (3 hours)
RELI 4071H, The Holocaust (Honors) (3 hours)
RELI 4072/6072, American Judaism (3 hours)
RELI 4073/6073, Law and Religion in Israel (3 hours)
RELI 4074/6074, Law and Lawcodes in the Ancient Mediterranean World (3 hours)
RELI 4075/6075, The Jewish Experience (3 hours)
RELI 4076/6076, Jewish Communities: Diversity and Survival (3 hours)
RELI 4083, The New Testament World (3 hours)
RELI 4610/6610, The Origins of Monotheism and Science (3 hours)
RELI 4611/6610, Canon and its Social Environment (3 hours)
SEMI 4001/6001, Studies in Semitic Linguistics I (3 hours)
SEMI 4002/6002, Studies in Semitic Linguistics II (3 hours)

All courses used to satisfy the minor requirement must be passed with a grade of "C" (2.0) or better. At least two upper-division courses must be taken in residence.

TOTAL HOURS: 15

8. Approvals:

Wayne Coppie

Religion

11/14/2023

Department Head

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Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
Office of the Registrar
University of Georgia

Dear Members of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee,

I write in support of the proposed minor in Jewish Studies to be offered by the Department of Religious Studies in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences. The School of Public and International Affairs is excited about the prospective new minor. It is an area of enduring interest for students not only in Religious Studies but across the university, and certainly, for students majoring in International Affairs. We are pleased that SPIA courses INTL 4370, Middle Eastern Politics and INTL 4371, Israeli Politics are included in the proposal. SPIA expects there may be additional INTL courses to propose for addition to the minor in the future.

Please contact me with any questions about the support of the Department of International Affairs and of the School of Public and International Affairs for the proposed minor.

Sincerely,

Matthew A. Auer
Dean and Arch Professor of Public and International Affairs
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