The Jewish studies program offers students an opportunity to explore the history, culture, and religion of the Jewish people. An interdisciplinary program, it offers courses in a wide variety of areas, including Hebrew language, religion, philosophy, history, music, political science, and sociology.

The key elements shaping the Jewish studies experience—religion, ethnicity, history, nationality—are also essential to understanding our increasingly complex and diverse society. Jewish studies is an ideal vantage point from which to learn about these phenomena. The program introduces students not only to the theory behind these concepts but also to how they work in practice. Contrary to popular assumption, non-Jewish students make up the majority of Jewish studies classes. Regardless of their background, all students learn quickly that the field provides them with tools and knowledge for a more critical and analytical understanding of the world around them.

The Jewish studies program offers students a dual major in Jewish studies and religion as well as a Jewish studies minor. The dual major is designed for students looking for in-depth knowledge of Jewish studies and interested in comparative religion. It is ideal for students interested in graduate work in Jewish studies or religious studies or in careers as rabbis, cantors, or Jewish educators. The minor is available for students who wish to combine their interest in Jewish studies with a major in another area, such as business or engineering. A unique academic feature of this track is the Jewish studies module in which students integrate their work in Jewish studies into their major field. In addition, students who are interested in the field of human services can pursue the specialization in social justice, identity, and religion within the human services major. This option is well suited for those interested in careers in Jewish communal services.

A special feature of the Jewish studies program is the long-standing cooperative relationship between Northeastern University and Hebrew College. In one of the most expansive partnerships between a private university and a Jewish college, the two institutions share resources and expertise; create joint faculty appointments; allow for tuition-free cross-registration and concurrent library privileges at both institutions; and, most recently, have established a new bachelor’s-master’s degree program that allows students to earn two degrees concurrently: a BA from Northeastern University and either a Master of Arts in Jewish Studies (MAJS) or a Master of Jewish Education (MJEd) from Hebrew College.

Experiential education in the Jewish studies program includes study abroad and internships at organizations such as the Jewish Community Relations Council, Facing History and Ourselves, the Jewish Women’s Archives, and the Israeli Consulate. Scholarships are also available to support Jewish studies students interested in the study of the Holocaust.

Transferring to the Major
Same as college standards. Acceptance into the major is based on students’ meeting the department’s criteria for admission and availability of space in the programs.

Academic Progression Standards
Same as college standards.

BA in Jewish Studies and Religion

NU CORE REQUIREMENTS
See page 26 for requirement list.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS FOR BA
See page 41 for requirement list.

JEWISH STUDIES

Required Course
Complete the following course:
RELS 1285 Jewish Religion and Culture 4 SH

Jewish Religion and Thought
Complete one course from the following list. Note: This course may also count as a religious studies elective:
PHIL 3385 History of Jewish Rationalism 4 SH
PHIL 4605 Advanced Seminar: Spinoza 4 SH
RELS 1286 American Judaism 4 SH
RELS 1287 Modern Judaism 4 SH
RELS 2313 Modern Jewish Diaspora 4 SH
RELS 2315 Adam and Eve and Their Interpreters 4 SH
RELS 3387 Religion, Nation, and Identity in Modern Jewish Thought 4 SH

Jewish History
Complete two courses from the following list:
HIST 1280 Hitler, Germany, and the Holocaust 4 SH
HIST 1281 Holocaust 4 SH
HIST 1294 Strangers in a Strange Land? European Jewish History 1750–1945 4 SH
HIST 3431 American Jewish History 4 SH

Jewish Art and Culture
Complete one course from the following list:
JWSS 2259 Women in Jewish Culture 4 SH
JWSS 3460 Jewish Film 4 SH
MUSC 1132 Music of the Jewish People 4 SH
**Jewish Studies Electives**

Complete three courses from the following list:

- **HIST 1280** Hitler, Germany, and the Holocaust 4 SH
- **HIST 1281** Holocau 4 SH
- **HIST 1290** Modern Middle East 4 SH
- **HIST 1294** Strangers in a Strange Land? European Jewish History 1750–1945 4 SH
- **HIST 3431** American Jewish History 4 SH
- **HIST 4670** Topics in European History 4 SH
- **HIST 7306** Research Seminar in Twentieth-Century Europe 4 SH
- **HUSV 3560** Religion, Human Services, and Diversity in the United States 4 SH
- **IDSC 2280** Latin American Jewish Literature 4 SH
- **JWSS 2259** Women in Jewish Culture 4 SH
- **JWSS 3447** Topics in Jewish Studies 4 SH
- **JWSS 3460** Jewish Film 4 SH
- **JWSS 4992** Directed Study 4 SH
- **MUSC 1132** Music of the Jewish People 4 SH
- **POLS 2370** Religion and Politics 4 SH
- **POLS 3465** Government and Politics in the Middle East 4 SH
- **POLS 3470** Arab-Israeli Conflict 4 SH
- **RELS 1150** Understanding the Bible 4 SH
- **RELS 1270** Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: Western Religions 4 SH
- **RELS 1286** American Judaism 4 SH
- **RELS 1287** Modern Judaism 4 SH
- **RELS 2300** Mysticism 4 SH
- **RELS 2313** Modern Jewish Diaspora 4 SH
- **RELS 2315** Adam and Eve and Their Interpreters 4 SH
- **RELS 2322** Responses to the Holocaust 4 SH
- **RELS 3387** Religion, Nation, and Identity in Modern Jewish Thought 4 SH
- **SOCL 1240** Sociology of Prejudice and Violence 4 SH
- **SOCL 1270** Race and Ethnic Relations 4 SH

**RELIGION REQUIREMENTS**

**Required Course**

Complete the following course:

- **RELS 1150** Understanding the Bible 4 SH

**Religion**

Complete two courses from the following list:

- **PHIL 2325** Ancient Philosophy 4 SH
- **RELS 1270** Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: Western Religions 4 SH
- **RELS 1275** Eastern Religions 4 SH
- **RELS 1280** Islam 4 SH

**Comparative Religions**

Complete one course from the following list:

- **PHIL 2327** Medieval Western Philosophy 4 SH
- **RELS 1230** Sound, Music, and Religion 4 SH
- **RELS 1271** Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam 4 SH
- **RELS 1272** Ethics in the World’s Religions 4 SH
- **RELS 2300** Mysticism 4 SH

**Philosophy or Religion Seminar**

Complete one seminar from the following list:

- **PHIL 4605** Advanced Seminar: Spinoza 4 SH
- **PHIL 4901** Topics in Philosophy Seminar 4 SH
- **PHIL 4902** Great Philosophers Seminar 4 SH
- **RELS 4547** Seminar: Apocalypticism 4 SH
- **RELS 4606** Seminar: Theories and Methods in Religious Studies 4 SH
- **RELS 4903** Seminar in Religion 4 SH
- **RELS 4904** Major Figures in Religious Studies 4 SH
- **RELS 4906** Topics in Religious Studies 4 SH

**Religious Studies Electives**

Complete four courses from the following list:

- **AFRS 3410** Religion and Spirituality in the African Diaspora 4 SH
- **PHIL 1130** Ethics: East and West 4 SH
- **PHIL 2327** Medieval Western Philosophy 4 SH
- **PHIL 3385** History of Jewish Rationalism 4 SH
- **PHIL 4605** Advanced Seminar: Spinoza 4 SH
- **PHIL 4901** Topics in Philosophy Seminar 4 SH
- **PHIL 4902** Great Philosophers Seminar 4 SH
- **PHIL 4991** Research 4 SH
- **PHIL 4994** Internship 4 SH
- **RELS 1110** Introduction to Religion 4 SH
- **RELS 1150** Understanding the Bible 4 SH
- **RELS 1220** The Meaning of Death 4 SH
- **RELS 1230** Sound, Music, and Religion 4 SH
- **RELS 1231** Image and Icon in South Asia 4 SH
- **RELS 1270** Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: Western Religions 4 SH
- **RELS 1272** Ethics in the World’s Religions 4 SH
- **RELS 1273** Jainism 4 SH
- **RELS 1275** Eastern Religions 4 SH
- **RELS 1276** Indian Religions 4 SH
- **RELS 1280** Islam 4 SH
- **RELS 1285** Jewish Religion and Culture 4 SH
- **RELS 1286** American Judaism 4 SH
- **RELS 1288** Chinese Philosophy and Religion 4 SH
- **RELS 1295** Religious Perspectives on Health and Healing 4 SH
- **RELS 2300** Mysticism 4 SH
- **RELS 2315** Adam and Eve and Their Interpreters 4 SH
- **RELS 2322** Responses to the Holocaust 4 SH
- **RELS 2394** Chinese Buddhism 4 SH
- **RELS 2395** Japanese Buddhism 4 SH
- **RELS 3387** Religion, Nation, and Identity in Modern Jewish Thought 4 SH
- **RELS 3390** Cults and Sects 4 SH
- **RELS 3393** Asian Religions in the United States 4 SH
RELS 3395  Ramayana  4 SH
RELS 3398  Religion and Culture in Indian Cinema  4 SH
RELS 4545  Religion and Politics in South Asia  4 SH
RELS 4546  Advanced Biblical Studies: Hebrew Bible  4 SH
RELS 4547  Seminar: Apocalypticism  4 SH
RELS 4606  Seminar: Theories and Methods in Religious Studies  4 SH
RELS 4903  Seminar in Religion  4 SH
RELS 4904  Major Figures in Religious Studies  4 SH
RELS 4906  Topics in Religious Studies  4 SH

INTEGRATIVE REQUIREMENT

Integrative Course
Complete one of the following courses. Note: This course may count as a religion seminar or a Jewish history course:

HIST 1294  Strangers in a Strange Land? European Jewish History 1750–1945  4 SH
HIST 3431  American Jewish History  4 SH
RELS 4547  Seminar: Apocalypticism  4 SH

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Hebrew Language Introduction
Complete the following two courses. These courses also count toward the BA language requirement:

HBRW 1101  Elementary Hebrew 1  4 SH
HBRW 1102  Elementary Hebrew 2  4 SH

GENERAL ELECTIVES

Additional courses taken beyond college and major course requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

If elected

UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS

128 total semester hours required
Minimum 2.000 GPA required

Minor in Jewish Studies

REQUIRED COURSES

Complete the following two courses:

JWSS 4660  Jewish Studies Module  1 SH
RELS 1285  Jewish Religion and Culture  4 SH

ELECTIVE COURSES

Complete four courses from the following list:

HBRW 1101  Elementary Hebrew 1  4 SH
HBRW 1102  Elementary Hebrew 2  4 SH
HIST 1280  Hitler, Germany, and the Holocaust  4 SH
HIST 1281  Holocaust  4 SH
HIST 1290  Modern Middle East  4 SH
HIST 1294  Strangers in a Strange Land? European Jewish History 1750–1945  4 SH

HIST 3431  American Jewish History  4 SH
HIST 4670  Topics in European History  4 SH
HIST 7306  Research Seminar in Twentieth-Century Europe  4 SH
HUSV 3560  Religion, Human Services, and Diversity in the United States  4 SH
IDSC 2280  Latin American Jewish Literature  4 SH
JWSS 2259  Women in Jewish Culture  4 SH
JWSS 3447  Topics in Jewish Studies  4 SH
JWSS 3460  Jewish Film  4 SH
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SOCL 1240  Sociology of Prejudice and Violence  4 SH
SOCL 1270  Race and Ethnic Relations  4 SH

GPA REQUIREMENT

2.000 GPA required in the minor