MINOR IN JEWISH STUDIES

Program Learning Outcomes for the Minor in Jewish Studies

Upon completing the minor in Jewish Studies, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of key Jewish religious traditions, texts, and figures throughout history, from the ancient to the contemporary, as well as the place of those traditions, texts, and figures within specific historical, geographical, or sociopolitical contexts.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of Jewish history and culture during different time periods and in different geographical locations.
3. Demonstrate the ability to understand and apply theories and methods from multiple disciplines—including religious studies, literature, history, film, and sociology—to address key issues or undertake research in the field of Jewish studies; synthesize theories and methods from multiple disciplines to address questions within the field of Jewish studies.
4. Demonstrate the ability to read and interpret primary and secondary texts critically, including ancient as well as modern literature, religious texts, film, and modern scholarship; demonstrate the ability to use these texts to develop and support evidence-based research questions and arguments in discussions, verbal presentations, and in research papers.
5. Demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively in writing and orally at the college level; this includes demonstrating the ability to communicate in a critical, scholarly manner by developing evidence-based research questions and arguments, using and citing evidence to support argumentation, and writing and speaking clearly and correctly.

Requirements for the Minor in Jewish Studies

Students pursuing the minor in Jewish Studies must complete:

- A minimum of 6 courses (18-21 credit hours, depending on course selection) to satisfy minor requirements.
- A minimum of 3 courses (9 credit hours) at the 300-level or above.
- A maximum of 3 courses (9 credit hours) from study abroad or other transfer credits. For additional program guidelines regarding transfer credit, see the Policies tab.
- A maximum of 2 Hebrew (HEBR) courses.
- A maximum of 2 Religion (RELI) courses.

The courses listed below satisfy the requirements for this minor. In certain instances, courses not on this official list may be substituted upon approval of the minor’s academic advisor, or where applicable, the Program Director. (Course substitutions must be formally applied and entered into Degree Works by the minor’s Official Certifier (https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier). Students and their academic advisors should identify and clearly document the courses to be taken.

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RELI 326  ANGELS, POWERS, AND MONSTERS
RELI 339  APOCALYPSE THEN AND NOW
RELI 381  THE MESSIAH
RELI 382  LOST JUDAISMS: THE APOCRYPHAL WRITINGS
RELI 388  THE PSALMS AND THEIR POETIC AFTERLIFE

History and Culture

Select at least 1 course from the following:

FSEM 121 / GERM 121  FROM KAFKA TO THE HOLOCAUST:
GERM 121  DISCOURSE IN ALIENATION
FWIS 124  WITNESSING THE HOLOCAUST
FWIS 199  JEWS ON FILM: CINEMATIC REPRESENTATIONS OF JEWISH LIFE
GERM 336  NATIONAL SOCIALISM AND FILM
GERM 351 / HART 387  HOLOCAUST MEMORY IN MODERN GERMANY
GERM 425  VIENNA AND ITS PEOPLE
HIST 205 / MDEM 205  MEDIEVAL MEDITERRANEAN WORLD
HIST 324 / MDEM 324  COEXISTENCE IN MEDIEVAL SPAIN
HIST 357 / MDEM 357  JEWS AND CHRISTIANS IN MEDIEVAL EUROPE
HIST 374  JEWISH HISTORY, 1500-1948
HART 435 / HIST 443 / MDEM 435  MULTICULTURAL EUROPE, 1400-1700
JWST 301  JEWISH FOOD: RELIGION, CULTURE, AND CONSUMPTION FROM THE BIBLE TO BAGELS
JWST 348 / SWGS 348  SEX AND GENDER IN MODERN JEWISH CULTURE
JWST 351 / FILM 351  HOLOCAUST REPRESENTATION IN LITERATURE, ART, AND FILM
MDEM 377 / HART 377  MEDIEVAL MANUSCRIPTS
RELI 104 / MDEM 103  INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH MYSTICISM
RELI 108  INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM
RELI 122  THE BIBLE AND ITS INTERPRETERS
RELI 215 / FILM 215  MYSTIC CINEMA: KABBALAH IN FILM
RELI 385 / HIST 381  GOD, TIME AND HISTORY
RELI 392  JERUSALEM: HOLY CITY IN TIME AND IMAGINATION
SOCI 363  AFRICAN AMERICAN-JEWISH RELATIONS: RACE, RELIGION, POLITICS, AND POPULAR CULTURE

Thought, Philosophy, and Ethics

Select at least 1 course from the following:

FSEM 121 / GERM 121  FROM KAFKA TO THE HOLOCAUST:
GERM 121  DISCOURSE IN ALIENATION
GERM 322 / HUMA 322  MARX, FREUD, EINSTEIN: FOREBEARERS OF MODERNITY
HART 435 / HIST 443 / MDEM 435  MULTICULTURAL EUROPE, 1400-1700
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Policies for the Minor in Jewish Studies

The courses used to meet the Jewish Studies minor are open to all students at Rice from all backgrounds. Our classes meet student interests in Jewish experience and its importance for history, literature, art, politics, law, and philosophy.

Program Restrictions

Students pursuing the minor in Jewish Studies should be aware of the following program restriction:

- As noted in Majors, Minors, and Certificates (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-opportunities/majors-minors-certificates), i.) students may declare their intent to pursue a minor only after they have first declared a major, and ii.) students may not major and minor in the same subject.

Transfer Credit

For Rice University’s policy regarding transfer credit, see Transfer Credit (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/transfer-credit). Some departments and programs have additional restrictions on transfer credit. The Office of Academic Advising maintains the university’s official list of transfer credit advisors on their website: https://oaa.rice.edu. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic program’s transfer credit advisor when considering transfer credit possibilities.

Program Transfer Credit Guidelines

Students pursuing the minor in Jewish Studies should be aware of the following program-specific transfer credit guidelines:

- No more than 3 courses (9 credit hours) of transfer credit from U.S. or international universities of similar standing as Rice may apply towards the minor.
• Requests for transfer credit will be considered by the program director (and/or the program’s official transfer credit advisor) on an individual case-by-case basis.

Additional Information
For additional information, please see the Jewish Studies website: https://jewishstudies.rice.edu.

Opportunities for the Minor in Jewish Studies

Academic Honors
The university recognizes academic excellence achieved over an undergraduate's academic history at Rice. For information on university honors, please see Latin Honors (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/undergraduate) (summa cum laude, magna cum laude, and cum laude) and Distinction in Research and Creative Work (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/undergraduate). Some departments have department-specific Honors awards or designations.

Additional Information
For additional information, please see the Jewish Studies website: https://jewishstudies.rice.edu/

See https://humanities.rice.edu/student-life for tables of fellowships, prizes, and internships/practica that may be relevant to this minor.