

A certificate in Jewish studies is awarded with either the M.A. or Ph.D. degree upon fulfillment of the following requirements:

1. *Foundational Course, 3 credit hours.* JS 5000, Major Themes in Jewish Studies. As this course is not offered every year, students may petition to have this requirement waived. If this requirement is waived, students will be required to take an additional 3 credit hours under requirement 2.

2. *Focus Courses, 15 credit hours.* Students must complete 15 credit hours of interrelated courses in Jewish studies, appropriate to the student's program of study and forming an intellectually cohesive whole (or 18 credit hours, if the requirement to take JS 5000 is waived). Students are required to complete at least one course from three of four subfields, with at least 9 credit hours coming from a single subfield:

- Area 1: Biblical Studies
- Area 2: Antiquity and Medieval World
- Area 3: Modern and Contemporary Experience
- Area 4: Culture, Philosophy, and Literature

Courses listed below are approved for certificate credit. Other courses not on this list must be approved for credit by the director of the Program in Jewish Studies. Any courses at the 2000 or 3000 level also require instructor permission to enroll and arrangements for additional work beyond the undergraduate requirements.

No more than 6 credit hours of specifically named courses required for the primary degree may be applied toward the certificate.

3. A non-credit final project/paper submitted to the Jewish Studies steering committee that demonstrates an application of Jewish studies contents or methodology to research, teaching, or fieldwork. The project/paper may originate as an assignment in a graduate-level course.

### Approved List of Courses

**LANGUAGE: Jewish Studies:** 5301, Jewish Language and Paleography. **Classics:** 6300, Akkadian. **Hebrew (Modern Hebrew):** 1101–1102, Elementary Hebrew; 2201–2202, Intermediate Hebrew; 3851–3852; Independent Study in Modern Hebrew; 5111, Hebrew for Graduate Reading; 5301, Advanced Hebrew Grammar; 5302, Advanced Hebrew Composition. **Religion:** 2514, Elementary Modern Hebrew I; 2515, Elementary Modern Hebrew II; 3102, Intermediate Modern Hebrew I; 3103, Intermediate Modern Hebrew II; 5101–5102, Elementary Biblical Hebrew; 5120, Intermediate Biblical Hebrew;

**AREA 1. BIBLICAL STUDIES: Jewish Studies:** 5100, The New Testament in Its Jewish Contexts. **English:** 3370, The Bible in Literature. **Music Literature:** 2310, The Bible and Music. **Religious Studies:** 5225, Sexuality in the Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East; 5926, Ancient Goddesses; 5938, Marriage in the Ancient Near East and the Hebrew Bible. **Religion:** 3109, Exilic Prophecy; 3111, The Pentateuch; 3112, Apocalyptic; 3113, The Wisdom Literature of the Ancient Near East; 3117, The Ethics of Ancient Israel; 3124, Esther and Ruth; 3127, Cultures of Ancient Near East; 3128, Jewish Messianism; 3129, Book of Judges; 3130, Book of Jeremiah; 3131, Voices of Women in the Ancient Near East; 3142, The Old Testament in Greek; 6177, Song of Songs; 6500, The Hebrew Bible; 6501, Literary Analysis of the Hebrew Bible; 6502, Leadership in Hebrew Bible; 6503, Seminar in the History of Ancient Israel; 6504, Modern Interpreters of Ancient Israel; 6505, Biblical Law and Ancient Israel; 6506, Politics and the Economy in Ancient Israel; 6510, Empire and Canon; 6511, Book of Genesis; 6513, The Book of Exodus; 6515, The Book of Deuteronomy; 6516, The Book of Numbers; 6517, Book of Joshua; 6518, Book of Job; 6519, Book of Qoheleth; 6520, Book of Daniel; 6522, Sexuality in the Hebrew Bible and ANE; 6524, Literature of the Ancient Near East;

6525, Ancient Goddesses; 6528, Book of Amos; 6529, Eighth-Century Prophecy; 6575, Old Testament Theology; 6580, West Semitic Inscriptions; 6609, Feminist Interpretations of Scripture; 9200, Reading Course in Hebrew Bible.

**AREA 2. ANTIQUITY AND THE MEDIEVAL WORLD: Jewish Studies:** 2600, Islam and the Jews; 5150, Issues in Rabbinic Literature; 5210, Reading across Boundaries: Jewish and Non-Jewish Texts; 5620, Jews in Egypt; 5640, Jews and Greeks; 5892, Topics in Ancient and Medieval Jewish History. **Anthropology:** 8230, The Collapse of Civilizations. **Classics:** 5010, The Ancient Origins of Religious Conflict in the Middle East; 5100, History of the Ancient Near East; 5120, Greece and the Near East from Alexander to Theodosius; 5160, History of Roman Empire. **History:** 3210, Muslims, Christians, and Jews in Medieval Spain; 5160, Medicine in Islam; 5170, Islam and the Crusades. **History of Art:** 5260, The Art of Pagans, Christians, and Jews. **Philosophy:** 2101, Hellenistic and Late Ancient Philosophy; 2102, Medieval Philosophy. **Religion:** 3150, Lives of Jesus: Ancient and Modern; 3151, Jesus and the Early Christian Communities; 3156, Jewish and Christian Self-Definition; 3501, Judaism in New Testament Times; 6526, Jewish Life in Persian Egypt; 6527, Hellenistic Jewish Literature; 6608, Jewish/Christian Relation; 6794, Art of Pagans, Christians, and Jews. **Religious Studies:** 4554, The Qur'an and Its Interpreters.

**AREA 3. MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY EXPERIENCE: Jewish Studies:** 2400, American Jewish Life; 2450, The Jewish Diaspora; 2500, Modern Israel; 3100, The Holocaust; 3830, Contemporary Jewish Issues; 5300, Modern Jewish Thought; 5540, Power and Diplomacy in the Modern Middle East; 5560, Social Movements in Modern Jewish Life; 5894, Topics in Modern Jewish History. **European Studies:** 2208, Conspiracy Theories and Rumors in European and U.S. History. **History:** 3160, Immigration, Race, and Nationality: The American Experience; 5130, Russia: Old Regime to Revolution; 5135, Russia: The U.S.S.R. and Afterward; 5190, Last Empire of Islam; 5300, Twentieth-Century Germany; 2720, World War II; 5885, Cities of Europe and the Middle East. **Political Science:** 2230, Middle East Politics. **Religion:** 3502, Judaism and Modernity; 8817, The Holocaust: Its Meanings and Implications; 8822, The Holocaust: Representation and Reflection. **Religious Studies:** 2210W, Constructions of Jewish Identity in the Modern World; 3229, The Holocaust: Its Meanings and Implications; 4939, Religious Autobiography. **Sociology:** 3702, Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the United States.

**AREA 4. CULTURE, PHILOSOPHY, AND LITERATURE: Jewish Studies:** 2210W, Hebrew Literature in Translation; 2230W, American Southern Jews in Life and Literature; 2240W, Black–Jewish Relations in Post-War American Literature and Culture; 2280, Jewish Humor; 2280W, Jewish Humor; 2290W, Imagining the Alien: Jewish Science Fiction; 2420W, American Jewish Music; 5250W, Witnesses Who Were Not There: Literature of the Children of Holocaust Survivors; 5260, Coming of Age in Jewish Literature and Film; 5260W, Coming of Age in Jewish Literature and Film; 5270, Jewish Storytelling; 5270W, Jewish Storytelling; 5320, Freud and Jewish Identity; 5330, Is G-d Guilty? The Problem of Evil in Judaism; 5340, Jewish Philosophy after Auschwitz; 5520, Zionism: Politics, Religion, and Ethnicity; 5000, Major Themes in Jewish Studies. **English:** 3664, Jewish American Literature. **French:** 4430, The Struggle of Encounter: The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict in Literature. **German:** 5445, Nazi Cinema: The Manipulation of Mass Culture; 5344, Women at the Margins: German-Jewish Women Writers. **History of Art:** 5765, Art since 1945. **Music Literature:** 2150, Music, Identity, and Diversity. **Philosophy:** 2109, Twentieth-Century Continental Philosophy; 3005, Jewish Philosophy; 3006, Islamic Philosophy; 3011, Critical Theory. **Religion:** 3503, The Jewish Heritage; 3505, Jewish Ethics; 8805, Jewish Theories of Religion; 8825, Jewish Animals. **Religious Studies:** 2220, Jewish Ethics; 2940, Great Books of Literature and Religion; 5270, Jewish Theories of Religion; 5940, The Nature of Evil. **Russian:** 2434, The Russian Cinema; 5231, Jews in Russian Culture: Survival and Identity. **Sociology:** 3204, Tourism, Culture, and Place; 3222, Sociology of Religion

**NOTE:** New course numbers took effect in fall 2015. Former course numbers are included in course descriptions in this catalog and at this website: [registrar.vanderbilt.edu/faculty/course-renumbering/course-lookup/](http://registrar.vanderbilt.edu/faculty/course-renumbering/course-lookup/).

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