

Judaic Studies

The Judaic Studies concentration includes such areas as the Bible, Talmud, Law, Ethics, Religious Thought, Philosophy, Literature, Hebrew, and History. Students will be exposed to a variety of texts both ancient/classical and contemporary. Students will have the opportunity to study these subjects and gain a knowledge and understanding of the textual materials as well as critical thinking and analytical skills that can be used in other disciplines. Students must also demonstrate proficiency in reading and translating Hebrew through Hebrew language courses or courses that use Hebrew texts.

Concentration Requirements:

Bible	3 cr
Law	3 cr
Philosophy/Ethics	3 cr
History	3 cr
Talmud*	3 cr
JUD 120: Judaism and Contemporary Society	3 cr
Literature	3 cr
Electives**	12 cr
JUD 499: Judaic Studies Capstone	3 cr

*Female students who are unable to complete the Talmud course can substitute the requirement with literature from the Rabbinic Period, such as Talmudic Stories, Aggadah, Midrash, or Women in the Talmud .

** Must relate to concentration

Prerequisites:

- Hebrew

Student Learning Outcomes

Students who graduate with a concentration in Judaic Studies will be able to:

1. read and utilize primary and secondary source materials;
2. critically interpret Judaic concepts;
3. discuss the historical development of Judaism as a world religion (e.g., Ancient Judaism, Medieval Judaism, the Haskala [Jewish Enlightenment] and the encounter with modernity);
4. explain the significance of the Torah, Talmud and Bible in Judaism and their place in contemporary society;
5. use critical and analytical thinking skills in applying theory to practice; and
6. demonstrate a foundation in Jewish law and tradition, and the skills to approach the texts independently.