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# Jewish Studies Certificate

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## Overview

The Jewish Studies Certificate program is open to all students interested in the Hebrew language and the history and culture of the Jewish people. This course of study offers undergraduates the opportunity to supplement their academic major with an interdisciplinary course of study in Jewish Studies. Satisfactory completion of the certificate satisfies the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences requirement of a related area.

## Requirements

The certificate program requires 18 credits, of which a maximum of nine may be transfer credit, subject to the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences policy. The credits are to be distributed in the following manner.

### Hebrew language

Students must complete at least three credits in Hebrew language.

JS 0013 Elementary Hebrew 1 – optional

JS 0014 Elementary Hebrew 2 – optional

JS 0025 Intermediate Hebrew 3 – required

### Upper-level Jewish Studies courses

Students must complete six credits in Jewish Studies (JS) courses at the 1000-level.

## Electives

Students may take up to nine credits in any other Jewish Studies (JS) courses.

### Comparative Religious Studies course

Students must take at least one course in the Department of Religious Studies (RELGST) that treats a religious tradition other than Judaism.

### Independent Study

JS 1901 Independent Study

## Grade Requirements

A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in each course that counts toward the certificate.

## Independent Study guidelines

The chosen topic for independent study should address material in Jewish Studies and not covered in regular course offerings. This course will serve as the student's capstone experience; therefore, it should build on and complement previous coursework. This topic should include a significant amount of research and independent reading and writing. Finally, this experience should produce either an original research paper or should follow a syllabus of readings and short papers around the chosen topic.

## Satisfactory/No Credit Option

There is no limit to the number of courses that can be taken on the S/NC basis for this certificate.

## For more information

Students interested in the certificate should contact the Jewish Studies Program ([jsp@pitt.edu](mailto:jsp@pitt.edu)), 412-624-2280, 2603 Cathedral of Learning, for additional information.