



University of
Pittsburgh

Dietrich School

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 16-20 credits, dependent upon initial Hebrew language placement. The credits are distributed as follows.

Hebrew language

Three credits in Hebrew language at Hebrew 2 or above.

JS 0013 Elementary Hebrew 1 *

JS 0014 Elementary Hebrew 2

JS 0025 Intermediate Hebrew 3

JS 00026 Intermediate Hebrew 4

* This course does not count toward the certificate; this course is a prerequisite to enrolling in Hebrew 2.

Jewish Studies courses

At least three Jewish Studies courses. One of these courses can be a Hebrew language course. A non-JS course that has significant Jewish Studies content can count for one of the three courses with approved from the Director of Undergraduate Studies.

Capstone

At least three credits in a capstone project, additional advanced coursework, or experiential learning through one of the following courses.

JS 1900 Internship

JS 1903 Directed Research

JS 1904 Undergraduate Teaching Assistantship

JS 1905 Undergraduate Research Assistantship

Advanced work in Hebrew at the Hebrew 5 level or beyond

Submission of a capstone research paper on a Jewish Studies topic written for a major or another certificate

Portfolio Essay

One credit of JS 1901 Independent Study taken in the final semester of work for certificate (can be concurrent with capstone) in which student develops reflective essay and portfolio of work in Jewish Studies under direction of certificate advisor.

Independent Study

JS 1901 Independent Study

Grade Requirements

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

Satisfactory/No Credit Option

No courses that count toward the certificate may be taken on the Satisfactory/No Credit (S/NC) basis except for JS 1900, JS 1904, and JS 1905.

Other Requirements and Restrictions

At least nine credits must be taken at Pitt. Placement in Hebrew to count toward the certificate is based on a written test and an oral interview.

For more information

Students interested in the certificate should contact the Jewish Studies Program (JSP@Pitt.edu), 412-624-2280, 2603 Cathedral of Learning, for additional information.