

JEWISH STUDIES PRE-MAJOR

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The following pre-major is recommended for students who are considering completing a Bachelor's degree in Jewish Studies after transferring to a four year institution. It is designed for students who have not decided upon a specific four-year college or university. Once a transfer school is selected, students are strongly encouraged to consult the Office of Advising, Transitions, and Student Success and the transfer institution's catalog to select courses that will meet both Oakton and transfer institution requirements.

The Jewish Studies Pre-major includes 18 hours of dedicated coursework in the Jewish Studies curriculum, along with the completion of all General Education requirements. Jewish Studies and General Education courses may overlap. In addition to the 18 hours of Jewish Studies coursework, it is suggested that students complete a final project that might include a lecture presentation to the college community, or a service learning project. Students who successfully complete the pre-major will be prepared to successfully transfer to a wide variety of four-year institutions offering majors and/or minors in Jewish Studies.

When registering for courses, students are advised to select JS (Jewish Studies) designated course sections. For more information on course selection or program-specific advising, contact the Program Coordinator. **General Education courses should be selected from the list of IAI General Education Courses.**

First Year		Hours
Semester One		
EGL 101	Composition I	3
ART 109	Art History: Jewish Art from Antiquity to Modern Israel ^{1,2}	3
HIS 225 or HIS 226	History of the Islamic Middle East from the 7th Century to 1918 or History of the Islamic Middle East in Modern Times	3
Select one of the following:		3
HIS 136	Introduction to Jewish Studies (see Note 2) ¹	
HIS 228	History of the Holocaust (see Note 2) ^{1,3}	
Select one of the following:		3
HUM 121	Western Culture and the Arts: Renaissance through the 20th Century	
HUM 124	African-American Culture and the Arts ⁴	
HUM 142	Women and Creativity ⁴	
HUM 220	Asian Humanities ³	
HUM 242	Women, Art and Culture ⁴	
MUS 236	Music Literature and History ²	
Hours		15
Semester Two		
EGL 102	Composition II	3
SPE 103	Effective Speech	3
MAT 125 or MAT 131	General Education Mathematics or Elementary Statistics	4
Select one of the following:		3
HIS 136	Introduction to Jewish Studies (see Note 2) ¹	
HIS 228	History of the Holocaust (see Note 2) ^{1,3}	
Select one of the following:		3-4
HBW 101	Beginning Hebrew I ^{1,2}	
HBW 102	Beginning Hebrew II ^{1,2}	
HBW 105	Conversational Hebrew ^{1,2}	
HBW 201	Intermediate Hebrew I ^{1,2}	

HBW 202	Intermediate Hebrew II ²	
Hours		16-17
Second Year		
Semester One		
Select one of the following:		3
EGL 132	LGBTQ+ Literature ⁴	
EGL 133	Women and Literature ⁴	
HUM 142	Women and Creativity ⁴	
HUM 242	Women, Art and Culture ⁴	
Select one of the following:		3
ANT 102	Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology ⁵	
HIS 112	United States History from 1877	
HIS 132	Western Civilization since 1650	
PSY 122	Human Sexuality ⁴	
Select one of the following:		3
ART 114	Art History: Art of the Non-Western World ³	
HUM 121	Western Culture and the Arts: Renaissance through the 20th Century	
HUM 210	World Mythologies ³	
HUM 220	Asian Humanities ³	
PHL 106	Ethics	
PHL 205	World Religions ³	
PHL 230	Ancient and Medieval Philosophy	
PHL 231	Modern and Contemporary Philosophy	
Select one of the following Life Science courses:		3-4
Note: At least one science course with lab is required for degree completion		
BIO 101	Introduction to Life Science (lab)	
BIO 104	Human Genetics	
BIO 105	Human Genetics (lab)	
BIO 106	Introduction to Environmental Science ³	
BIO 109	Plants and Society ³	
or other Life Science course		
Select one of the following:		3-4
HBW 102	Beginning Hebrew II ^{1,2}	
HBW 105	Conversational Hebrew ^{1,2}	
HBW 201	Intermediate Hebrew I ^{1,2}	
HBW 202	Intermediate Hebrew II ²	
Hours		15-17
Semester Two		
HIS 235	Women In American History ^{1,2}	3
Select one of the following:		3
EGL 115	Introduction to Fiction ^{1,2}	
HIS 236	Women In Western Civilization ^{1,2}	
Select one of the following Physical Science courses:		3-4
Note: At least one science course with lab is required for degree completion		
ATR 115	Descriptive Astronomy	
EAS 100	Introduction to Earth Science (lab)	
EAS 101	Physical Geology (lab)	
EAS 121	Physical Geography	
or other Physical Science course		
Select one of the following:		3
PSC 202	International Relations ³	
SOC 103	Social Problems ⁵	
SOC 230	Sociology of Sex and Gender ⁴	
SOC 232	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity ⁴	
SSC 105	Introduction to Ethnic Studies ⁴	
SSC 201	Introduction to Global Studies ³	
or other Sociology, Social Science or Political Science course		
Select one Social or Behavioral Sciences course not taken previously		3
Hours		15-16
Total Hours		61-65

- ¹ *Course is not IAI approved, but does transfer to most 4-year institutions. Consult your transfer institution for more information.*
- ² *Jewish Studies (JS) section is recommended. Sections designated as Jewish Studies count toward the Jewish Studies Concentration.*
- ³ *Course fulfills the Global Studies requirement. At least one Global Studies course is required for degree completion.*
- ⁴ *Course fulfills the U.S. Diversity Studies requirement. At least one U.S. Diversity Studies course is required for degree completion.*
- ⁵ *Course fulfills both, the Global Studies and U.S. Diversity Studies requirements.*

Note 1: Pre-major is a recommended sequence and selection of courses. See Associate in Arts (A.A.) page for degree requirements. Part time students should also consult the Office of Advising, Transition, and Student Success for part-time pre-major recommendations.

Note 2: Jewish Studies Concentration requirement.