Additional independent study, independent reading, and internships available. Prerequisite: Standing as Jewish Studies major or minor and permission of Professor Nadell.

**JWST-390/590 Independent Reading** (1-6 Credits)
**JWST-392 Cooperative Education** (3-9 Credits)
**JWST-481/482 Senior Thesis** (3 Credits)
**JWST-490 Independent Study** (3 Credits)

**Intern in Metropolitan Washington D.C.** Prerequisite: Standing as Jewish Studies major or minor and permission of Professor Nadell.

**JWST-491 Internship** (1-6 Credits)
An opportunity to earn university credit while contributing services to a local Jewish organization such as the Anti-Defamation League, Hadassah Washington Action Office, Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington, Jewish Community Center, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

For a complete list of internships available to Jewish Studies majors and minors visit: [http://www.american.edu/academic.depts/cas/js/internships.html](http://www.american.edu/academic.depts/cas/js/internships.html)

**Why Take A Course in Jewish Studies?**
Through the Jewish Studies Program, you can train for a career in the Jewish community or in Jewish education, learn about Jewish issues and opportunities for Jewish service, and develop a deeper understanding of American and world Jewry. Moreover, since dynamic contact with many other religions and cultures influenced the development of Jewish civilization, students study Jews and Judaism within the broader context of dominant societies and the spectrum of the arts, humanities, and social sciences.

**MAJOR or MINOR in Jewish Studies:**
The Jewish Studies Program offers students the opportunity to receive a major or minor in Jewish Studies.

**MINOR in Israel Studies:**
The Jewish Studies Program offers a minor in Israel Studies. For more information, contact the director.

Cover: A mosaic from a 6th century synagogue of King David playing the harp.
Jewish Studies

**JWST-205 Ancient and Medieval Jewish Civilization**  
M/TH 9:55-11:10 a.m.  
*Pamela Nadell, Director of Jewish Studies Program*  
A survey of the political, economic, social and intellectual history of the Jews from the biblical era to 1492. Class covers the independent Jewish states that flourished in Palestine, Jewish sects and early Christianity, and the rise of Diaspora Jewries as it explores the inextricable ties between the Jewish and non-Jewish worlds.

Religion

**RELG-371/671 Jewish Views of Death**  
W 11:20-2:00 p.m.  
*Leila Gal Berner, Rabbi and Scholar-in-residence in Philosophy and Religion*  
In the first part of the course, Jewish attitudes towards euthanasia, the dying process and end-of-life rituals (funeral, burial and mourning rites) will be examined. The second part of the course will focus on Jewish views of resurrection, the immortality of the soul and the afterlife. Students will be introduced to the intricate interplay in Judaism between theology, ritual practice and psychology.

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**ISI 319.009/619.009 and SOCY 340/640**  
M/TH 3:35-4:50 p.m.  
*Maurice Roumani, Visiting Professor Israel Studies*  
This course explores the emergence of Israeli society and its changes over time. It reviews Israel's ideological and political foundations, the centrality of immigration, the emergence of Arab minorities and Jewish ethnic divisions, and assesses political, economic, religious, and family patterns within the broader Jewish and Palestinian communities.

**Minorities in the Middle East and North Africa SIS 319.010/619.010 and SOCY 396.001/696.001**  
M/TH 9:55-11:10 a.m.  
*Maurice Roumani, Visiting Professor Israel Studies*  
This course focuses on the ethnic, religious, national, linguistic, and political minorities in the countries of the Middle East and North Africa, including minority groups within Islam. The course will discuss the background and situation of various minorities in the area, and their roles in the politics and social structures of the societies in which they live, as well as their movement and Diaspora status in the world.

History

**HIST-245 Modern Jewish Civilization**  
T/F 9:55-11:10 a.m.  
*Nina Spiegel, Schusterman Teaching Fellow in Jewish Studies*  
Surveys Jewish responses to the challenges of modernity. Examines the creation of new Jewish communities in America and Israel, shifts in Jewish political status, and innovations in Jewish religious and intellectual history, such as Zionism and Hasidism.

**HIST-319/619 Holocaust**  
M/TH 2:10-3:25 p.m.  
*Pamela Nadell, Director of Jewish Studies Program*  
Traces the history of antisemitism and the development of racism that led to the Holocaust. Examines the historical development of the Final Solution. Considers the perpetrators and the victims, as well as international reactions.

**HIST-343 History of Israel**  
W 11:20-2:00 p.m.  
*Nina Spiegel, Schusterman Teaching Fellow in Jewish Studies*  
Traces the development of modern political Zionism in nineteenth-century Europe; the historical background leading to the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948; and the history of Israel since then, including patterns of Jewish immigration and its relationship to the Arab World.

Language and Foreign Studies

In the early twentieth century bold pioneers determined that Hebrew, not Yiddish, would become the language of the emerging Jewish state. Learn the Hebrew that modern Israelis speak and master grammar as well as vocabulary; this is particularly useful to those planning to visit Israel.

**HEBR-116 Hebrew, Elementary Modern I**  
Section 1: M/TH 11:20AM-12:35 p.m.  
Section 2: M/TH 12:45PM-02:00 p.m.

**HEBR-216.001 Hebrew, Intermediate Modern I**  
M/TH 8:30-9:45 a.m.

**HEBR-316.001 Hebrew, Advanced Modern I**  
M/TH 9:55-11:10 a.m.