What is Jewish Studies?

From history to political science, sociology to music and the arts, Jewish Studies is a vibrant, interdisciplinary program that allows you to explore Jewish civilization from a variety of perspectives. We encourage all students to consider a Jewish Studies major or certificate, regardless of your background or previous study.

As a Jewish Studies major or certificate student, you will...

▪ Study the intellectual and cultural values of Jews, their religious beliefs and practices, languages, literary creativity, and participation in the larger societies in which they live

▪ Sharpen your ability to think critically, read closely, and write effectively

▪ Fulfill many of your General Education requirements, including Humanities, Literature, Ethnic Studies, Foreign Language
Requirements for the Jewish Studies major and certificate

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If you have prior experience in Hebrew

Contact Hebrew lecturer Judith Sone, jsone@wisc.edu, to determine the appropriate level for you.

To ask about a major or certificate

Email Associate Director Gwen Walker: undergrad-adviser@cjs.wisc.edu

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Scholarship funding is available

- To support research or study abroad
- To recognize excellence in coursework
- More information: https://cjs.wisc.edu/scholarships-awards/

What can you do with a major or certificate in Jewish Studies?

Students go on to a variety of career paths, such as

- Education
- Journalism and mass media
- Social work
- Library and information sciences

A Jewish Studies major or certificate will also prepare you well for

- Graduate school
- Law school
- Rabbinical studies