# **JEWISH STUDIES**

The Jewish Studies program offers the opportunity for Jewish students to deepen their understanding of their own heritage, culture, and history and for non-Jewish students to gain an inside view of one of the world's oldest cultures and religions - one that is heavily represented here in the greater New York metropolitan area.

The 15-credit interdisciplinary minor provides a focus that will enhance many academic majors, including history, philosophy, anthropology, and women's, gender, and sexuality studies. The minor also complements majors in business, education, human services (social work, health care, counseling, and others) and government - disciplines that will benefit from Jewish Studies students' insights and sensitivity to Jewish clients, co-workers, communities, and culture.

The Jewish Studies program strongly encourages and facilitates engagement with Jewish communities worldwide. Students have access to opportunities with international Jewish organizations and communal networks.

Graduates with expertise in Jewish studies are sought by employers in a wide range of professions, including academia, business, government and think tanks, international companies and organizations, libraries and museums, media, non-profit organizations, and the teaching professions at home and abroad, where insight into the Jewish community and culture add a significant competitive advantage.

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· Minor in Jewish Studies

## JST205. The Jewish Experience. 3 Credits.

The social, ethnic and spiritual dimensions of the Jewish people and Jewish civilization approached though topics of the Jewish calendar and festival cycle, life-cycle, diet, dress, Jewish theology, worship and sacred literature; and, anti-Semitism.

#### **Attributes:**

- Diversity
- · GE3: DIVR
- · GE5: DEISJ
- · Liberal Arts

May not be repeated for credit

## JST393. JST Selected Topic. 1-12 Credits.

Selected topics courses are regularly scheduled courses that focus on a particular topic of interest. Descriptions are printed in the Schedule of Classes each semester. Selected topics courses may be used as elective credit and may be repeated for credit, provided that the topic of the course changes.

### **Restrictions:**

· Must not be enrolled in the following class: Freshman

May be repeated for credit