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The interdisciplinary Jewish Studies Certificate Program provides students with opportunities to explore the long history, rich culture, diverse communities, and distinctive religious practices of this global minority group from ancient times to the present. Students enrolled in certificate courses will gain understanding of the many dimensions of Jewish heritage and also of issues of contemporary concern for Jews of the diaspora, including the United States, and in Israel.

Candidates for the Jewish Studies Certificate must complete a minimum of 12 units of approved coursework with a grade of C or better in at least two areas of Jewish history, religion, culture, politics, and/or Hebrew language. Students who complete a minimum of 15 units of approved coursework with a grade of B or better will earn a Certificate in Jewish Studies with honors. Students of all ethnic and religious backgrounds, including non-matriculating community members who are permitted to enroll in classes at the university, are welcome to enroll in the Jewish Studies Program to earn a certificate. Certificate coursework may include a supervised internship undertaken for credit that will fulfill one certificate course requirement. Courses taken to fulfill the requirements of the Jewish Studies Certificate may be used to fulfill requirements of other degree or certificate programs. The certificate will only be issued after students consult with a co-director of the Jewish Studies Program to ensure that courses taken meet certificate requirements.

Course offerings for the Jewish Studies Certificate may include, but are not limited to, the following:

COMMUNITY SERVICE 101: Community Service Internship or an approved internship course in any major (of 3 units or more) may satisfy the service learning internship option for this certificate (subject to approval by a Jewish Studies Program director)

ENGLISH 116: Literature of Old Testament

ENGLISH 179: Multi-Ethnic American Literature

HISTORY 103. History of Early Christianity

HISTORY 107: Modern Middle East

HISTORY 115: Ancient Israel

HISTORY 140: Holocaust

HISTORY 186: American Immigration and Ethnic History

PHILOSOPHY 134: Literature of the Old Testament

PHILOSOPHY 158: Judaism

SOCIOLOGY 169: Sociology of Religion

"T" (TOPICS) CLASSES: Special topics classes with a Jewish Studies focus offered in English, history, philosophy, political science, or any other relevant discipline.

Certificate in Legal Studies

A special Certificate in Legal Studies is offered to undergraduate students interested in pursuing careers in law. The program is open to students in all majors. With the approval of the social science advisor, courses may be selected that provide an appropriate foundation for the study of law.

Program

- Select one of the following: PLSI 170, 171
- Select one of the following: PLSI 154, 160, 170 or 171, 174, PLSI 179T - Seminar in Public Law
- Select two of the following: CRIM 117, 127, 118, 119, 177, CRIM/WS 126

A detailed description of the prelaw program is available from the advisors in the Department of Criminology and the Department of Political Science. Students should be aware that without advisement, successful completion of this program is impossible.