

Jewish American Studies Minor

The Jewish American Studies minor provides students with an understanding of the historical and social influences that have helped shape Jewish American culture.

The Minor is taught by distinguished faculty from Montclair State University's departments of religion, history, political science and law, anthropology, and sociology. It draws upon New York and Tri-State area as both primary resource and laboratory to develop a cultural, religious, social, and historical perspective of past and present experiences of the Jewish people and to examine current developments that impact upon the life and progress of Jews in American society. The program furthers Montclair's mission to enhance its students' global awareness and build on its cultural diversity.

Jewish American Studies is a rigorous but flexible multidisciplinary academic program designed to complement any undergraduate major at Montclair State. The program is designed for students of any ethnic or religious background.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Required Courses

JAST 201 Introduction to Jewish American Studies

JAST 401 Capstone Course in Jewish American Studies

Elective Courses

Select four courses from at least 2 different departments:

Jewish American Studies

JAST 219 The Holocaust and the American Press: Before, During and After

or JOUR 219 The Holocaust and the American Press: Before, During and After

JAST 220 The Synagogue School in the American Sunday School Movement

JAST 351 Comparative Legal Perspectives: Israel and the United States

or POLS 351 Comparative Legal Perspectives: Israel and the United States

JAST 390 Selected Topics in Jewish American Studies

JAST 399 Independent Study in Jewish American Studies

Hebrew

HEBR 101 Beginning Hebrew I

HEBR 112 Beginning Hebrew II

HEBR 121 Intermediate Hebrew I

HEBR 132 Intermediate Hebrew II

HEBR 151 Advanced Hebrew I

HEBR 152 Advanced Hebrew II

HEBR 201 Israeli-Hebrew Culture

or HEIN 201 Israeli-Hebrew Culture

Political Science

POLS 215 Ethnic Politics in America

POLS 332 U.S. Immigration: Law and Politics

Religion

RELG 273 The Holocaust: Religious Perspectives

RELG 301 Spirituality and Mysticism

Music

MUGN 136 The History of Broadway

History

HIST 310 Immigrant in American History

Anthropology

ANTH 110 Anthropology of Multicultural America

Sociology

SOCI 102 Racial and Ethnic Relations

SOCI 310 Directed Independent Research (with written approval)

SOCI 411 Selected Topics in Sociology (with written approval)

Multiple Majors and Minors Multiply Career Opportunities

Many of our students have multiple majors and/or minors. **Working closely with an advisor** helps students prepare for a competitive job market and enhance their academic experience within multiple programs while **maintaining a four-year graduation schedule.**

Campus Life and Study Abroad

On campus, language clubs and immersion language residence hall floors provide informal settings for speaking and interacting in the target language. Recent events include a film series; trips to restaurants, museums, operas, and plays in New York City; and international travel. Students may also take advantage of MSU-affiliated study abroad programs in over fifty countries.

High School Students Welcome

High-achieving high school students are welcome to take our language courses through the Rising Red Hawk program.
www.montclair.edu/admissions/learn-more/informationfor/early-college/

Meet Our Faculty

Dr. Lois Oppenheim: Professor and Chair
Dr. Elizabeth Emery: Professor
Dr. Jefferson J. A. Gatrall: Associate Professor
Dr. Thomas Herold: Assistant Professor
Dr. Wing Shan Ho: Assistant Professor
Dr. Pascale LaFountain: Assistant Professor
Dr. Kathleen Loysen: Associate Professor
Dr. Daniel Mengara: Associate Professor
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The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

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The **Department of Modern Languages and Literatures** is dedicated to sharing knowledge about the languages and cultures of a diverse world population and to imparting respect for and understanding of similarity and difference across national borders.

The Jewish American Studies Minor examines the nature of the relationship over time between the Jewish community and the emerging American nation and the contributions to American culture, institutions, and intellectual traditions made by Jewish heritage, arts, religion, language, sciences, values and most importantly, by people of Jewish heritage themselves.