

STUDENT SURVEY

A survey composed of 13 questions designed for students currently enrolled in a Jewish Studies course, focusing on what they gain from the course and their reasons for not pursuing a major or minor:

Jewish Studies Program – Major in Modern Jewish Studies

Student Survey:

What Class

Rel-135

Semester and Date

~~Fall~~ Fall 2025

[1] Do you like, love, or hate this class and would you consider taking another class in Jewish Studies and/or with the professor?

I like this class and yes I like this Professor

[2] What year are you; what is your home College, what is your major or intended major?

Freshman, Mt. Pell, Political Science and Journalism

[3] Are you aware that there is Jewish Studies Program and that you can take a minor in Jewish Studies or major in Modern Jewish Studies?

No

[4] If yes, how did you hear about Jewish Studies Program and minor or major this class

[5] **Gains and Relevance:** What is the most valuable or surprising thing you've learned in this Jewish Studies course that you feel you wouldn't have learned in your declared major or elsewhere in your studies, and how do you see it connecting to your personal interests and career path?

How the Religion transformed throughout

19th to 21st

[6] **Perceived Obstacles/Fit:** When you think about declaring a major or minor, what is the single biggest factor or perception (e.g., career relevance, course load, fit with existing major, lack of background) that prevents you from seriously considering Jewish Studies?

career relevance
[7] **Initial Barrier:** Before taking this course, what was your initial impression of what Jewish Studies entailed, and did that impression in any way discourage you from considering it as a field of study? If so, how has this course either reinforced or changed that initial perception?

yes that it would be interesting

[9] **Major/Minor Appeal:** If the Jewish Studies program offered a specific feature, course, or track that was directly relevant to your current major (e.g., a concentration in religious law and policy for a Pre-Law student, or a focus on ancient history and archaeology for a Classics student), would you be more likely to consider a minor or double major? Why or why not?

[10] **Time and Priority:** How do the requirements and time commitment of your current major or degree path weigh against the idea of adding a Jewish Studies major or minor?

[11] **Would you be interested** or do you have time to participate in a Jewish Studies Program Club? (please be candid)

[12] Would a Jewish Studies Program Instagram account be something you would follow or consider following? (please be candid)

[13] **What other classes** (i.e. class topics) would be of interest to you for future study in the Jewish Studies Program?

[14] **May I share or distribute your response to this survey?**

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Student Survey:

What Class JSP135

Semester and Date

[1] Do you like, love, or hate this class and would you consider taking another class in Jewish Studies and/or with the professor? I loved this class and would take another one if I was not going abroad

[2] What year are you; what is your home College, what is your major or intended major? Senior in VPA film, media art

[3] Are you aware that there is Jewish Studies Program and that you can take a minor in Jewish Studies or major in Modern Jewish Studies? yes

[4] If yes, how did you hear about Jewish Studies Program and minor or major this class In JSP135

[5] Gains and Relevance: What is the most valuable or surprising thing you've learned in this Jewish Studies course that you feel you wouldn't have learned in your declared major or elsewhere in your studies, and how do you see it connecting to your personal interests and career path?

I learned about the complexities of the texts, the core of Judaism being god and community

[6] **Perceived Obstacles/Fit:** When you think about declaring a major or minor, what is the single biggest factor or perception (e.g. career relevance, course load, fit with existing major, lack of background) that prevents you from seriously considering Jewish Studies?

time commitment

[7] **Initial Barrier:** Before taking this course, what was your initial impression of what Jewish Studies entailed, and did that impression in any way discourage you from considering it as a field of study? If so, how has this course either reinforced or changed that initial perception?

My initial barrier was just the time commitment I didn't have for reading, but ~~I was~~ still learned so much.

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for me right now I would, it isn't easy to imagine love that ^{any} with film! though I'm sure I'd be surprised, especially if studied with art and media together.

[10] **Time and Priority:** How do the requirements and time commitment of your current major or degree path weigh against the idea of adding a Jewish Studies major or minor?

Since I am a senior in film it wouldn't be possible, but I can imagine doing that Freshman → Junior years.

[11] **Would you be interested** or do you have time to participate in a Jewish Studies Program Club? (please be candid)

No time, but I would love that Program or club to be present.

[12] **Would a Jewish Studies Program Instagram account be something you would follow or consider following?** (please be candid)

Yes!

[13] **What other classes** (i.e. class topics) would be of interest to you for future study in the Jewish Studies Program?

Relevance of religion and religion to Jewish people.

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✓
yes.!

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Student Survey:

What Class REL 135

Semester and Date Fall 2025.

[1] Do you like, love, or hate this class and would you consider taking another class in Jewish Studies and/or with the professor? I would consider taking another Jewish studies class, professor is a little

[2] What year are you; what is your home College, what is your major or intended major? Senior, Whitman, finance and Public Relations unclear/unorganized

[3] Are you aware that there is Jewish Studies Program and that you can take a minor in Jewish Studies or major in Modern Jewish Studies? Yes.

[4] If yes, how did you hear about Jewish Studies Program and minor or major this class Through friends.

[5] **Gains and Relevance:** What is the most valuable or surprising thing you've learned in this Jewish Studies course that you feel you wouldn't have learned in your declared major or elsewhere in your studies, and how do you see it connecting to your personal interests and career path?

History is pretty interesting which I never would've. Overall lots of critical thinking.

[6] **Perceived Obstacles/Fit:** When you think about declaring a major or minor, what is the single biggest factor or perception (e.g., career relevance, course load, fit with existing major, lack of background) that prevents you from seriously considering Jewish Studies?

Career goals / interests.
[7] **Initial Barrier:** Before taking this course, what was your initial impression of what Jewish Studies entailed, and did that impression in any way discourage you from considering it as a field of study? If so, how has this course either reinforced or changed that initial perception?

Yes, I was worried it would be hard and complicated - and it's more complex than I thought. Professor has been pretty forgiving.

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No, I am not interested in Religious studies enough.

[10] **Time and Priority:** How do the requirements and time commitment of your current major or degree path weigh against the idea of adding a Jewish Studies major or minor?

I am already a dual major - but still wouldn't add this to my major/minor.

[11] **Would you be interested** or do you have time to participate in a Jewish Studies Program Club? (please be candid)

No - graduating

[12] Would a Jewish Studies Program Instagram account be something you would follow or consider following? (please be candid)

No.

[13] **What other classes** (i.e. class topics) would be of interest to you for future study in the Jewish Studies Program?

*Israel, modern Judaism, Israel v. Palestine
(No Biases)*

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yes.

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Student Survey:

What Class Judaism Studies

Semester and Date

Fall 2025
25-11-12

[1] **Do you** like, love, or hate this class and would you consider taking another class in Jewish Studies and/or with the professor?

I like this class. I don't think I will take another one. I only took it to broaden my knowledge.

[2] **What year** are you; what is your home College, what is your major or intended major?

I am a freshman in the iSchool. I am studying Data Analytics.

[3] **Are you aware** that there is Jewish Studies Program and that you can take a minor in Jewish Studies or major in Modern Jewish Studies?

Yes, I was told in this class.

[4] **If yes**, how did you hear about Jewish Studies Program and minor or major this class

I heard about it a few weeks ago in class.

[5] **Gains and Relevance:** What is the most valuable or surprising thing you've learned in this Jewish Studies course that you feel you wouldn't have learned in your declared major or elsewhere in your studies, and how do you see it connecting to your personal interests and career path?

I think it was fascinating to learn about the adaptation, evolution, and progression of Judaism.

[6] **Perceived Obstacles/Fit:** When you think about declaring a major or minor, what is the single biggest factor or perception (e.g., career relevance, course load, fit with existing major, lack of background) that prevents you from seriously considering Jewish Studies?

It would probably be career relevance. I want to go into tech.
[7] **Initial Barrier:** Before taking this course, what was your initial impression of what Jewish Studies entailed, and did that impression in any way discourage you from considering it as a field of study? If so, how has this course either reinforced or changed that initial perception?

I thought Jewish Studies would just give me an overview of Judaism as a religion. It didn't discourage me from looking at it as a field of study. Now I know that Judaism applies to being a people and religion.

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I don't think I would take it. It is not relevant to my career.

[10] **Time and Priority:** How do the requirements and time commitment of your current major or degree path weigh against the idea of adding a Jewish Studies major or minor?

Not that much.

[11] **Would you be interested** or do you have time to participate in a Jewish Studies Program Club? (please be candid)

No.

[12] **Would a Jewish Studies Program Instagram account be something you would follow or consider following?** (please be candid)

Yep.

[13] **What other classes** (i.e. class topics) would be of interest to you for future study in the Jewish Studies Program?

I don't think any. I only wanted a basic overview on what Judaism is.

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Yes.

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Student Survey:

What Class

JSP 135

Semester and Date

Fall 25 11/12

[1] Do you like, love, or hate this class and would you consider taking another class in Jewish Studies and/or with the professor? I love this class and working with

you! Rachel

[2] What year are you; what is your home College, what is your major or intended major?

Senior, Whitman, Marketing Management, French, JSP minors

[3] Are you aware that there is Jewish Studies Program and that you can take a minor in Jewish Studies or major in Modern Jewish Studies? Yes :)

[4] If yes, how did you hear about Jewish Studies Program and minor or major this class

Looking it up online! "Syracuse university Jewish studies"

[5] Gains and Relevance: What is the most valuable or surprising thing you've learned in this Jewish Studies course that you feel you wouldn't have learned in your declared major or elsewhere in your studies, and how do you see it connecting to your personal interests and career path?

I think I've gained a lot of critical analysis/writing skills that I'm not getting in Whitman. I want to work for Jewish non-profits post grad, so I think I should I have a basis of knowledge to go off of.

It just replaced my free electives :)

[6] **Perceived Obstacles/Fit:** When you think about declaring a major or minor, what is the single biggest factor or perception (e.g., career relevance, course load, fit with existing major, lack of background) that prevents you from seriously considering Jewish Studies?

[7] **Initial Barrier:** Before taking this course, what was your initial impression of what Jewish Studies entailed, and did that impression in any way discourage you from considering it as a field of study? If so, how has this course either reinforced or changed that initial perception?

I'm actually really pleased that it's less religious rituals/Holocaust, and more actual history, theology, in depth of the communities & how the Jews interacted with the people where they were. I am pleasantly surprised at how I have been challenged in this program.

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[10] **Time and Priority:** How do the requirements and time commitment of your current major or degree path weigh against the idea of adding a Jewish Studies major or minor?

I... am a Jewish studies minor.

[11] **Would you be interested** or do you have time to participate in a Jewish Studies Program Club? (please be candid) Sure why not :)

[12] Would a Jewish Studies Program Instagram account be something you would follow or consider following? (please be candid)

I would run it!! That's what I do for billed/learning in my Networking classes.

[13] **What other classes** (i.e. class topics) would be of interest to you for future study in the Jewish Studies Program?

I would love if we focused on non Ashkenazi ethnic groups! I think popular culture / knowledge (even as a Jew myself) is saturated with only knowledge about the Ashkenazi, and I think we should seek to expand our knowledge to Sephardim, Mizrahim, Ethiopian Jews etc.

Why just the European / American Jews? I understand that it's where a lot of these texts are coming from, but I feel we should study both. We can't claim to be true Jewish Studies scholars if we only focus on one group.

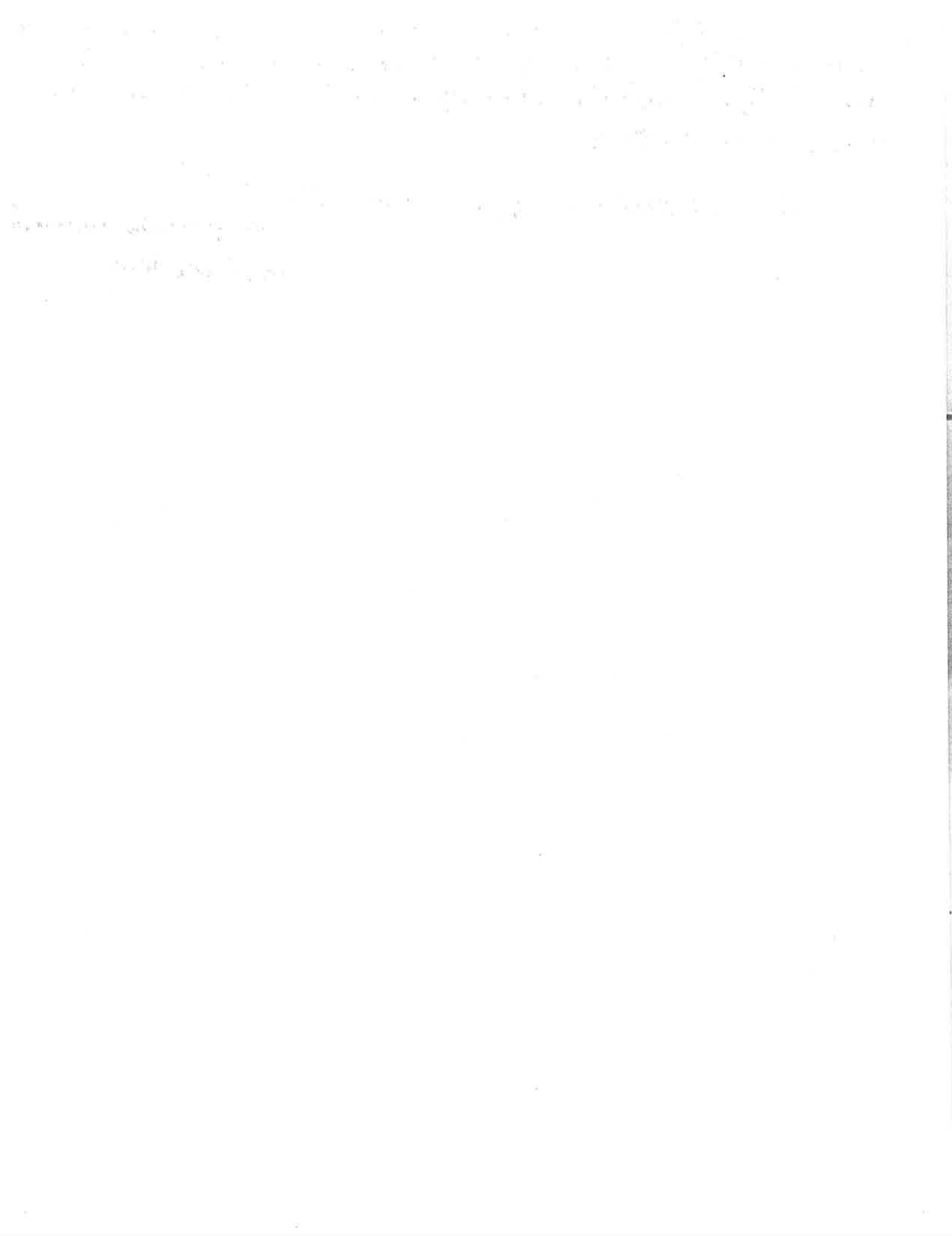
[14] May I share or distribute your response to this survey?

Yeah. I'll attach my name too,

Thank you for your time filling out this survey!

IDC. It's Erika.

you probably recognized my handwriting.



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Student Survey:

What Class *Judaism Studies*
Semester and Date *Fall 2025*

[1] **Do you** like, love, or hate this class and would you consider taking another class in Jewish Studies and/or with the professor? *I like it, and I'd consider taking another*

[2] **What** year are you; what is your home College, what is your major or intended major? *2028, VCSB, Cybersecurity*

[3] **Are you aware** that there is Jewish Studies Program and that you can take a minor in Jewish Studies or major in Modern Jewish Studies?

[4] **If yes**, how did you hear about Jewish Studies Program and minor or major this class *Yes*

The Professor

[5] **Gains and Relevance:** What is the most valuable or surprising thing you've learned in this Jewish Studies course that you feel you wouldn't have learned in your declared major or elsewhere in your studies, and how do you see it connecting to your personal interests and career path? *The oppression of Jewish people throughout history.*

[6] **Perceived Obstacles/Fit:** When you think about declaring a major or minor, what is the single biggest factor or perception (e.g., career relevance, course load, fit with existing major, lack of background) that prevents you from seriously considering Jewish Studies?

It isn't helpful to my career path and I'm not particularly interested in it

[7] **Initial Barrier:** Before taking this course, what was your initial impression of what Jewish Studies entailed, and did that impression in any way discourage you from considering it as a field of study? If so, how has this course either reinforced or changed that initial perception?

I didn't know much about Judaism studies before.

[9] **Major/Minor Appeal:** If the Jewish Studies program offered a specific feature, course, or track that was directly relevant to your current major (e.g., a concentration in religious law and policy for a Pre-Law student, or a focus on ancient history and archaeology for a Classics student), would you be more likely to consider a minor or double major? Why or why not?

Not really as I don't know how cybersec can have Judaism in it

[10] **Time and Priority:** How do the requirements and time commitment of your current major or degree path weigh against the idea of adding a Jewish Studies major or minor?

quite a bit

[11] **Would you be interested** or do you have time to participate in a Jewish Studies Program Club? (please be candid)

No

[12] Would a Jewish Studies Program Instagram account be something you would follow or consider following? (please be candid)

honestly no

[13] **What other classes** (i.e. class topics) would be of interest to you for future study in the Jewish Studies Program?

Not many

[14] **May I** share or distribute your response to this survey?

Sure

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Student Survey:

What Class JSP 135

Semester and Date
Fall 2025

[1] **Do you** like, love, or hate this class and would you consider taking another class in Jewish Studies and/or with the professor? like and yes

[2] **What** year are you; what is your home College, what is your major or intended major?
sophomore, A+S, CSD + JSP

[3] **Are you aware** that there is Jewish Studies Program and that you can take a minor in Jewish Studies or major in Modern Jewish Studies? yes! It's my major!

[4] **If yes**, how did you hear about Jewish Studies Program and minor or major this class
knew I wanted to be a JSP major since for I came here

[5] **Gains and Relevance:** What is the most valuable or surprising thing you've learned in this Jewish Studies course that you feel you wouldn't have learned in your declared major or elsewhere in your studies, and how do you see it connecting to your personal interests and career path?

no class I have been in has "talked Torah"
super cool!

[6] **Perceived Obstacles/Fit:** When you think about declaring a major or minor, what is the single biggest factor or perception (e.g., career relevance, course load, fit with existing major, lack of background) that prevents you from seriously considering Jewish Studies? X

[7] **Initial Barrier:** Before taking this course, what was your initial impression of what Jewish Studies entailed, and did that impression in any way discourage you from considering it as a field of study? If so, how has this course either reinforced or changed that initial perception?

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[10] **Time and Priority:** How do the requirements and time commitment of your current major or degree path weigh against the idea of adding a Jewish Studies major or minor?

can be a bad fit sometimes but
JSP is as important to me as my other
major

[11] **Would you be interested** or do you have time to participate in a Jewish Studies Program Club? (please be candid)

yes

[12] **Would a Jewish Studies Program Instagram account be something you would follow or consider following?** (please be candid)

yes

[13] **What other classes** (i.e. class topics) would be of interest to you for future study in the Jewish Studies Program?

holocaust history!

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of course

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11-12-25

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What Class

Semester and Date

[1] **Do you** like, love, or hate this class and would you consider taking another class in Jewish Studies and/or with the professor?

I like this class, I probably wouldn't take another course like this. Professor was good

[2] **What** year are you; what is your home College, what is your major or intended major?

sophomore / VPA / CRS minor in Fashion

[3] **Are you aware** that there is Jewish Studies Program and that you can take a minor in Jewish Studies or major in Modern Jewish Studies?

Yes, I am

[4] **If yes**, how did you hear about Jewish Studies Program and minor or major this class

[5] **Gains and Relevance:** What is the most valuable or surprising thing you've learned in this Jewish Studies course that you feel you wouldn't have learned in your declared major or elsewhere in your studies, and how do you see it connecting to your personal interests and career path?

The most valuable thing that I've learned in this Jewish study course, is the different meanings behind the Torah & the mishnah. Specifically, the historical aspects & the ancient facts.

[6] **Perceived Obstacles/Fit:** When you think about declaring a major or minor, what is the single biggest factor or perception (e.g., career relevance, course load, fit with existing major, lack of background) that prevents you from seriously considering Jewish Studies?

[7] **Initial Barrier:** Before taking this course, what was your initial impression of what Jewish Studies entailed, and did that impression in any way discourage you from considering it as a field of study? If so, how has this course either reinforced or changed that initial perception?

prior to taking this course, I really only knew more of the modern forms of Judaism. From attending religious services. Now I have a better understanding of the historical context.

[9] **Major/Minor Appeal:** If the Jewish Studies program offered a specific feature, course, or track that was directly relevant to your current major (e.g., a concentration in religious law and policy for a Pre-Law student, or a focus on ancient history and archaeology for a Classics student), would you be more likely to consider a minor or double major? Why or why not?

I would not, I feel as though I'm not interested enough to make it a minor/major. Also I do not have the option to add another minor.

[10] **Time and Priority:** How do the requirements and time commitment of your current major or degree path weigh against the idea of adding a Jewish Studies major or minor?

with my major it would be pretty difficult to add on more courses. I feel comfortable/challenged enough already.

[11] **Would you be interested** or do you have time to participate in a Jewish Studies Program Club? (please be candid)

possibly, considering clubs are a way to still be involved with in Judaism studies

[12] Would a Jewish Studies Program Instagram account be something you would follow or consider following? (please be candid)

probably not, maybe if I were to major/minor in the studies.

[13] **What other classes** (i.e. class topics) would be of interest to you for future study in the Jewish Studies Program?

more modern, relevant studies
Also food!

[14] **May I** share or distribute your response to this survey?

Sure

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Student Survey:

What Class Rel 135

Semester and Date fall 2025

[1] Do you like love, or hate this class and would you consider taking another class in Jewish Studies and/or with the professor? maybe

[2] What year are you; what is your home College, what is your major or intended major? 2027, ABS Biology

[3] Are you aware that there is Jewish Studies Program and that you can take a minor in Jewish Studies or major in Modern Jewish Studies? yes

[4] If yes, how did you hear about Jewish Studies Program and minor or major this class from my teacher, Prof Braiterman

[5] **Gains and Relevance:** What is the most valuable or surprising thing you've learned in this Jewish Studies course that you feel you wouldn't have learned in your declared major or elsewhere in your studies, and how do you see it connecting to your personal interests and career path?

I've learned the different books & perspectives that exist in Judaism.

[6] **Perceived Obstacles/Fit:** When you think about declaring a major or minor, what is the single biggest factor or perception (e.g., career relevance, course load, fit with existing major, lack of background) that prevents you from seriously considering Jewish Studies?

future career

[7] **Initial Barrier:** Before taking this course, what was your initial impression of what Jewish Studies entailed, and did that impression in any way discourage you from considering it as a field of study? If so, how has this course either reinforced or changed that initial perception?

[9] **Major/Minor Appeal:** If the Jewish Studies program offered a specific feature, course, or track that was directly relevant to your current major (e.g., a concentration in religious law and policy for a Pre-Law student, or a focus on ancient history and archaeology for a Classics student), would you be more likely to consider a minor or double major? Why or why not?

yes - if it would directly relate to my major

[10] **Time and Priority:** How do the requirements and time commitment of your current major or degree path weigh against the idea of adding a Jewish Studies major or minor?

I don't have the time

[11] **Would you be interested** or do you have time to participate in a Jewish Studies Program Club? (please be candid)

yes 100%

[12] Would a Jewish Studies Program Instagram account be something you would follow or consider following? (please be candid)

yes 100%

[13] **What other classes** (i.e. class topics) would be of interest to you for future study in the Jewish Studies Program?

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yes

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What Class *Judaism*

Semester and Date *Fall 2025, 11/12/2025*

[1] Do you like, love, or hate this class and would you consider taking another class in Jewish Studies and/or with the professor? *Like*

Senior, Arts and Sciences, Psychology

[2] What year are you; what is your home College, what is your major or intended major?

[3] Are you aware that there is Jewish Studies Program and that you can take a minor in Jewish Studies or major in Modern Jewish Studies? *Yes*

[4] If yes, how did you hear about Jewish Studies Program and minor or major this class

*I just knew, I saw it listed
in the major and minors*

[5] Gains and Relevance: What is the most valuable or surprising thing you've learned in this Jewish Studies course that you feel you wouldn't have learned in your declared major or elsewhere in your studies, and how do you see it connecting to your personal interests and career path?

*I don't feel it connects
to my career path. But
I was interested in learning*

[6] **Perceived Obstacles/Fit:** When you think about declaring a major or minor, what is the single biggest factor or perception (e.g., career relevance, course load, fit with existing major, lack of background) that prevents you from seriously considering Jewish Studies? *Too much work*

[7] **Initial Barrier:** Before taking this course, what was your initial impression of what Jewish Studies entailed, and did that impression in any way discourage you from considering it as a field of study? If so, how has this course either reinforced or changed that initial perception? *My perception has not changed*

[9] **Major/Minor Appeal:** If the Jewish Studies program offered a specific feature, course, or track that was directly relevant to your current major (e.g., a concentration in religious law and policy for a Pre-Law student, or a focus on ancient history and archaeology for a Classics student), would you be more likely to consider a minor or double major? Why or why not? *Nope, I just don't feel interested enough*

[10] **Time and Priority:** How do the requirements and time commitment of your current major or degree path weigh against the idea of adding a Jewish Studies major or minor?

I already have enough on my plate at work

[11] **Would you be interested** or do you have time to participate in a Jewish Studies Program Club? (please be candid) *No*

[12] Would a Jewish Studies Program Instagram account be something you would follow or consider following? (please be candid) *Sure*

[13] **What other classes** (i.e. class topics) would be of interest to you for future study in the Jewish Studies Program? *None*

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Sure

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What Class Rel 135 - Judaism

Semester and Date fall 25 11/12/2025

[1] Do you like, love, or hate this class and would you consider taking another class in Jewish Studies and/or with the professor? The class is ok I would take another Jewish studies course

[2] What year are you; what is your home College, what is your major or intended major? Junior, VPA, CRS major

[3] Are you aware that there is Jewish Studies Program and that you can take a minor in Jewish Studies or major in Modern Jewish Studies?

[4] If yes, how did you hear about Jewish Studies Program and minor or major this class? Yes through a list of humanities courses to fulfil my major.

[5] Gains and Relevance: What is the most valuable or surprising thing you've learned in this Jewish Studies course that you feel you wouldn't have learned in your declared major or elsewhere in your studies, and how do you see it connecting to your personal interests and career path? I'm not sure how much of it connects to my career path but learning the history has been interesting.

[6] **Perceived Obstacles/Fit:** When you think about declaring a major or minor, what is the single biggest factor or perception (e.g., career relevance, course load, fit with existing major, lack of background) that prevents you from seriously considering Jewish Studies?

Career relevance
[7] **Initial Barrier:** Before taking this course, what was your initial impression of what Jewish Studies entailed, and did that impression in any way discourage you from considering it as a field of study? If so, how has this course either reinforced or changed that initial perception? *It never discouraged me from considering it as a field of study & I thought it just was going to be the history of the Jewish peoples.*

[9] **Major/Minor Appeal:** If the Jewish Studies program offered a specific feature, course, or track that was directly relevant to your current major (e.g., a concentration in religious law and policy for a Pre-Law student, or a focus on ancient history and archaeology for a Classics student), would you be more likely to consider a minor or double major? Why or why not?

I don't think I would minor or double major but I would consider taking courses if they related Jewish studies to my major

[10] **Time and Priority:** How do the requirements and time commitment of your current major or degree path weigh against the idea of adding a Jewish Studies major or minor?

I have a major & a minor and I'm focused on those as they relate to my career path & Jewish studies does not.

[11] **Would you be interested** or do you have time to participate in a Jewish Studies Program Club? (please be candid)

I probably would

[12] Would a Jewish Studies Program Instagram account be something you would follow or consider following? (please be candid)

Possibly

[13] **What other classes** (i.e. class topics) would be of interest to you for future study in the Jewish Studies Program?

I'm not sure.

[14] **May I** share or distribute your response to this survey?

Yes!

Thank you for your time filling out this survey!

STUDENT SURVEY

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Jewish Studies Program – Major in Modern Jewish Studies

Student Survey:

What Class REL 135

Semester and Date

Fall 2025

- [1] Do you like, love, or hate this class and would you consider taking another class in Jewish Studies and/or with the professor? Don't like it. wouldn't take another class in this subject/with professor
- [2] What year are you; what is your home College, what is your major or intended major? Junior, Newhase, PR
- [3] Are you aware that there is Jewish Studies Program and that you can take a minor in Jewish Studies or major in Modern Jewish Studies? Yes

[4] If yes, how did you hear about Jewish Studies Program and minor or major this class
I know of it

[5] Gains and Relevance: What is the most valuable or surprising thing you've learned in this Jewish Studies course that you feel you wouldn't have learned in your declared major or elsewhere in your studies, and how do you see it connecting to your personal interests and career path?

I didn't know much about the stages/eras of Judaism

[6] **Perceived Obstacles/Fit:** When you think about declaring a major or minor, what is the single biggest factor or perception (e.g., career relevance, course load, fit with existing major, lack of background) that prevents you from seriously considering Jewish Studies?

Uninteresting to me and is not relevant to career
[7] **Initial Barrier:** Before taking this course, what was your initial impression of what Jewish Studies entailed, and did that impression in any way discourage you from considering it as a field of study? If so, how has this course either reinforced or changed that initial perception?

I viewed Jewish studies as more of a cultural thing and not so much historical/philosophical.

[9] **Major/Minor Appeal:** If the Jewish Studies program offered a specific feature, course, or track that was directly relevant to your current major (e.g., a concentration in religious law and policy for a Pre-Law student, or a focus on ancient history and archaeology for a Classics student), would you be more likely to consider a minor or double major? Why or why not?

No, this isn't something I'd like to study in depth.

[10] **Time and Priority:** How do the requirements and time commitment of your current major or degree path weigh against the idea of adding a Jewish Studies major or minor?

I don't have time to add a Jewish Studies minor.

[11] **Would you be interested** or do you have time to participate in a Jewish Studies Program Club? (please be candid)

No

[12] Would a Jewish Studies Program Instagram account be something you would follow or consider following? (please be candid)

Maybe

[13] **What other classes** (i.e. class topics) would be of interest to you for future study in the Jewish Studies Program?

more of a cultural approach. what pop culture things has Judaism added to society

[14] **May I** share or distribute your response to this survey?

Yes

Thank you for your time filling out this survey!

Alex Fine

STUDENT SURVEY

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Jewish Studies Program – Major in Modern Jewish Studies

Student Survey:

What Class ~~Religion~~ 135
Semester and Date 1st November 12th

[1] Do you like, love, or hate this class and would you consider taking another class in Jewish Studies and/or with the professor? Yes I like it

[2] What year are you; what is your home College, what is your major or intended major? Sophomore, Syracuse, advertising

[3] Are you aware that there is Jewish Studies Program and that you can take a minor in Jewish Studies or major in Modern Jewish Studies? Yes

[4] If yes, how did you hear about Jewish Studies Program and minor or major this class Mom

[5] Gains and Relevance: What is the most valuable or surprising thing you've learned in this Jewish Studies course that you feel you wouldn't have learned in your declared major or elsewhere in your studies, and how do you see it connecting to your personal interests and career path? How much interesting readings ~~and~~ I find interesting

[6] **Perceived Obstacles/Fit:** When you think about declaring a major or minor, what is the single biggest factor or perception (e.g., career relevance, course load, fit with existing major, lack of background) that prevents you from seriously considering Jewish Studies?

[7] **Initial Barrier:** Before taking this course, what was your initial impression of what Jewish Studies entailed, and did that impression in any way discourage you from considering it as a field of study? If so, how has this course either reinforced or changed that initial perception?

I thought it would be very boring, but I found interest in it.

[9] **Major/Minor Appeal:** If the Jewish Studies program offered a specific feature, course, or track that was directly relevant to your current major (e.g., a concentration in religious law and policy for a Pre-Law student, or a focus on ancient history and archaeology for a Classics student), would you be more likely to consider a minor or double major? Why or why not?

No, I already have ~~my~~ ^{my} major & minor

[10] **Time and Priority:** How do the requirements and time commitment of your current major or degree path weigh against the idea of adding a Jewish Studies major or minor?

They are heavy and make it harder to take

[11] **Would you be interested** or do you have time to participate in a Jewish Studies Program Club? (please be candid)

Probably not

[12] **Would a Jewish Studies Program Instagram account be something you would follow or consider following?** (please be candid)

Yes, don't why not

[13] **What other classes** (i.e. class topics) would be of interest to you for future study in the Jewish Studies Program?

the other religion classes after this one

[14] **May I** share or distribute your response to this survey?

Yes

Thank you for your time filling out this survey!

STUDENT SURVEY

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Jewish Studies Program – Major in Modern Jewish Studies

Student Survey:

What Class REI 135 - Judaism

Semester and Date Fall 2005

[1] Do you like, love, or hate this class and would you consider taking another class in Jewish Studies and/or with the professor? I like this class but very writing intensive

[2] What year are you; what is your home College, what is your major or intended major? Senior, WSM Finance or Entrepreneurship

[3] Are you aware that there is Jewish Studies Program and that you can take a minor in Jewish Studies or major in Modern Jewish Studies? I am aware

[4] If yes, how did you hear about Jewish Studies Program and minor or major this class

Yes - I did

[5] Gains and Relevance: What is the most valuable or surprising thing you've learned in this Jewish Studies course that you feel you wouldn't have learned in your declared major or elsewhere in your studies, and how do you see it connecting to your personal interests and career path?

I learned about misconceptions in Judaism

[6] **Perceived Obstacles/Fit:** When you think about declaring a major or minor, what is the single biggest factor or perception (e.g., career relevance, course load, fit with existing major, lack of background) that prevents you from seriously considering Jewish Studies?

Career relevance
[7] **Initial Barrier:** Before taking this course, what was your initial impression of what Jewish Studies entailed, and did that impression in any way discourage you from considering it as a field of study? If so, how has this course either reinforced or changed that initial perception?

*Only reading of the Torah,
but we read texts from different
authors at different time periods*

[9] **Major/Minor Appeal:** If the Jewish Studies program offered a specific feature, course, or track that was directly relevant to your current major (e.g., a concentration in religious law and policy for a Pre-Law student, or a focus on ancient history and archaeology for a Classics student), would you be more likely to consider a minor or double major? Why or why not?

Why a major? Jewish people in certain industries.

[10] **Time and Priority:** How do the requirements and time commitment of your current major or degree path weigh against the idea of adding a Jewish Studies major or minor?

I'm a senior so it's too late

[11] **Would you be interested** or do you have time to participate in a Jewish Studies Program Club? (please be candid)

*I have gone to Chabad
and Hillel, so maybe*

[12] **Would a Jewish Studies Program Instagram account be something you would follow or consider following?** (please be candid)

*Maybe, depends if the posts are
agreeable to my interests*

[13] **What other classes** (i.e. class topics) would be of interest to you for future study in the Jewish Studies Program?

*Geographics of
contemporary Jews and why?*

[14] **May I** share or distribute your response to this survey?

Yes

Thank you for your time filling out this survey!

STUDENT SURVEY

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Jewish Studies Program – Major in Modern Jewish Studies

Student Survey:

What Class REL135 - Judaism

Semester and Date Fall 2025

[1] **Do you** like, love, or hate this class and would you consider taking another class in Jewish Studies and/or with the professor? I like the class, I graduate this semester so will not be taking another.

[2] **What year** are you; what is your home College, what is your major or intended major? Senior, School of Information Studies, Applied Data Analytics

[3] **Are you aware** that there is Jewish Studies Program and that you can take a minor in Jewish Studies or major in Modern Jewish Studies? I am aware.

[4] **If yes**, how did you hear about Jewish Studies Program and minor or major this class from my class and professor.

[5] **Gains and Relevance:** What is the most valuable or surprising thing you've learned in this Jewish Studies course that you feel you wouldn't have learned in your declared major or elsewhere in your studies, and how do you see it connecting to your personal interests and career path?

I learned a lot of interesting thing about the start of Judaism before Modern times. This connects to me personally since I am Jewish and had interest in this course.

[6] **Perceived Obstacles/Fit:** When you think about declaring a major or minor, what is the single biggest factor or perception (e.g., career relevance, course load, fit with existing major, lack of background) that prevents you from seriously considering Jewish Studies?

Career relevance and background.
[7] **Initial Barrier:** Before taking this course, what was your initial impression of what Jewish Studies entailed, and did that impression in any way discourage you from considering it as a field of study? If so, how has this course either reinforced or changed that initial perception?

My initial impression did not discourage me to study this field but it did not add anything to my career goals. Before taking I thought to understand this stuff you had to be super religious.

[9] **Major/Minor Appeal:** If the Jewish Studies program offered a specific feature, course, or track that was directly relevant to your current major (e.g., a concentration in religious law and policy for a Pre-Law student, or a focus on ancient history and archaeology for a Classics student), would you be more likely to consider a minor or double major? Why or why not?

No, an additional program/classes does not offer anything to me.

[10] **Time and Priority:** How do the requirements and time commitment of your current major or degree path weigh against the idea of adding a Jewish Studies major or minor?

Since I am taking 18 credits for my home major adding additional requirements would not work for me.

[11] **Would you be interested** or do you have time to participate in a Jewish Studies Program Club? (please be candid)

No

[12] Would a Jewish Studies Program Instagram account be something you would follow or consider following? (please be candid)

Sure

[13] **What other classes** (i.e. class topics) would be of interest to you for future study in the Jewish Studies Program?

graduating - doesn't apply

[14] **May I** share or distribute your response to this survey?

Sure!

Thank you for your time filling out this survey!

Ben Steinberg

STUDENT SURVEY

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Jewish Studies Program – Major in Modern Jewish Studies

Student Survey:

What Class JSP/REL 135

Semester and Date Fall (8/25)

[1] Do you like, love, or hate this class and would you consider taking another class in Jewish Studies and/or with the professor? I like this course b/c it has taught me more about my religion. I would take this professor again.

[2] What year are you; what is your home College, what is your major or intended major? Freshman, AIS + Maxwell. My major is going to change into Poli Sci + Religion.

[3] Are you aware that there is Jewish Studies Program and that you can take a minor in Jewish Studies or major in Modern Jewish Studies? Yes

[4] If yes, how did you hear about Jewish Studies Program and minor or major this class Friends and SU Website.

[5] Gains and Relevance: What is the most valuable or surprising thing you've learned in this Jewish Studies course that you feel you wouldn't have learned in your declared major or elsewhere in your studies, and how do you see it connecting to your personal interests and career path?

I think the most valuable thing I learned is the development of religion and its importance on people. It connects to my career path b/c it is why people vote plus their value system.

[6] **Perceived Obstacles/Fit:** When you think about declaring a major or minor, what is the single biggest factor or perception (e.g., career relevance, course load, fit with existing major, lack of background) that prevents you from seriously considering Jewish Studies?

There really isn't, just got to fit it in my schedule.
[7] **Initial Barrier:** Before taking this course, what was your initial impression of what Jewish Studies entailed, and did that impression in any way discourage you from considering it as a field of study? If so, how has this course either reinforced or changed that initial perception?

History of Jews, Jewish testament, Torah

[9] **Major/Minor Appeal:** If the Jewish Studies program offered a specific feature, course, or track that was directly relevant to your current major (e.g., a concentration in religious law and policy for a Pre-Law student, or a focus on ancient history and archaeology for a Classics student), would you be more likely to consider a minor or double major? Why or why not?

Yes, b/c it will make formatting my schedule easier.

[10] **Time and Priority:** How do the requirements and time commitment of your current major or degree path weigh against the idea of adding a Jewish Studies major or minor?

It is a priority to blend

[11] **Would you be interested** or do you have time to participate in a Jewish Studies Program Club? (please be candid)

Yes

[12] **Would a Jewish Studies Program Instagram account be something you would follow or consider following?** (please be candid)

Yes

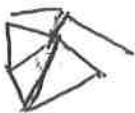
[13] **What other classes** (i.e. class topics) would be of interest to you for future study in the Jewish Studies Program?

Food, law, psych, sports

[14] **May I** share or distribute your response to this survey?

Yes

Thank you for your time filling out this survey!



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Jewish Studies Program – Major in Modern Jewish Studies

Student Survey:

What Class

First Semester

Semester and Date

Mon/WED 3:45-5:05

[1] Do you like, love, or hate this class and would you consider taking another class in Jewish Studies and/or with the professor? Never

[2] What year are you; what is your home College, what is your major or intended major? LOVE

[3] Are you aware that there is Jewish Studies Program and that you can take a minor in Jewish Studies or major in Modern Jewish Studies? I'm a Junior; Whitman, Finance

[4] If yes, how did you hear about Jewish Studies Program and minor or major this class? I was not aware until you mentioned it to our class.

[5] **Gains and Relevance:** What is the most valuable or surprising thing you've learned in this Jewish Studies course that you feel you wouldn't have learned in your declared major or elsewhere in your studies, and how do you see it connecting to your personal interests and career path?

I think you as a person, the passion and fearlessness you bring everyday, you have shown us to be fear and I like how you know to make a class fun/funny

VICORISH

[6] **Perceived Obstacles/Fit:** When you think about declaring a major or minor, what is the single biggest factor or perception (e.g., career relevance, course load, fit with existing major, lack of background) that prevents you from seriously considering Jewish Studies?

[7] **Initial Barrier:** Before taking this course, what was your initial impression of what Jewish Studies entailed, and did that impression in any way discourage you from considering it as a field of study? If so, how has this course either reinforced or changed that initial perception?

[9] **Major/Minor Appeal:** If the Jewish Studies program offered a specific feature, course, or track that was directly relevant to your current major (e.g., a concentration in religious law and policy for a Pre-Law student, or a focus on ancient history and archaeology for a Classics student), would you be more likely to consider a minor or double major? Why or why not?

[10] **Time and Priority:** How do the requirements and time commitment of your current major or degree path weigh against the idea of adding a Jewish Studies major or minor?

[11] **Would you be interested** or do you have time to participate in a Jewish Studies Program Club? (please be candid)

[12] Would a Jewish Studies Program Instagram account be something you would follow or consider following? (please be candid)

[13] **What other classes** (i.e. class topics) would be of interest to you for future study in the Jewish Studies Program?

[14] **May I** share or distribute your response to this survey?

Thank you for your time filling out this survey!

STUDENT SURVEY

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Jewish Studies Program – Major in Modern Jewish Studies

Student Survey:

What Class REL 135 - Judaism

Semester and Date Fall 2025

[1] **Do you** like, love, or hate this class and would you consider taking another class in Jewish Studies and/or with the professor? I was neutral with this class.

[2] **What** year are you; what is your home College, what is your major or intended major? Sophomore, CRS, college of Vis. & Performing Arts

[3] **Are you aware** that there is Jewish Studies Program and that you can take a minor in Jewish Studies or major in Modern Jewish Studies? Yes.

[4] **If yes**, how did you hear about Jewish Studies Program and minor or major this class I was looking for a humanities elective, found this class.

[5] **Gains and Relevance:** What is the most valuable or surprising thing you've learned in this Jewish Studies course that you feel you wouldn't have learned in your declared major or elsewhere in your studies, and how do you see it connecting to your personal interests and career path?

I think the most valuable thing I've learned is to separate my beliefs from the study of Judaism because beliefs are not always the same as what we are learning.

[6] **Perceived Obstacles/Fit:** When you think about declaring a major or minor, what is the single biggest factor or perception (e.g., career relevance, course load, fit with existing major, lack of background) that prevents you from seriously considering Jewish Studies?

Career relevance

[7] **Initial Barrier:** Before taking this course, what was your initial impression of what Jewish Studies entailed, and did that impression in any way discourage you from considering it as a field of study? If so, how has this course either reinforced or changed that initial

perception? My initial impression was that this class would be about Jewish history and traditions. This impression did not discourage me from considering it as a field of study, but it is not something that I would want to pursue for my career.

[9] **Major/Minor Appeal:** If the Jewish Studies program offered a specific feature, course, or track that was directly relevant to your current major (e.g., a concentration in religious law and policy for a Pre-Law student, or a focus on ancient history and archaeology for a

Classics student), would you be more likely to consider a minor or double major? Why or why not? I would want a course about rhetoric in Jewish texts ~~or~~ since my major is in communications and rhetorical studies.

[10] **Time and Priority:** How do the requirements and time commitment of your current major or degree path weigh against the idea of adding a Jewish Studies major or minor?

I have already applied for a minor in a different field, and as a sophomore, I cannot add another since it would now be too late.

[11] **Would you be interested** or do you have time to participate in a Jewish Studies Program Club? (please be candid)

No.

[12] Would a Jewish Studies Program Instagram account be something you would follow or consider following? (please be candid)

I would follow the account.

[13] **What other classes** (i.e. class topics) would be of interest to you for future study in the Jewish Studies Program?

I'm not sure.

[14] **May I** share or distribute your response to this survey?

Sure .

Thank you for your time filling out this survey!

STUDENT SURVEY

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Jewish Studies Program – Major in Modern Jewish Studies

Student Survey:

What Class REL 135

Semester and Date

Fall 2025

[1] Do you like, love, or hate this class and would you consider taking another class in Jewish Studies and/or with the professor? I loved this class and would take another class with Professor Braverman

[2] What year are you; what is your home College, what is your major or intended major? Freshman, Maxwell, Geography/Env, sustainability, and policy

[3] Are you aware that there is Jewish Studies Program and that you can take a minor in Jewish Studies or major in Modern Jewish Studies?

I am
[4] If yes, how did you hear about Jewish Studies Program and minor or major this class

I talked to Professor Braverman at same point about it in office hours

[5] Gains and Relevance: What is the most valuable or surprising thing you've learned in this Jewish Studies course that you feel you wouldn't have learned in your declared major or elsewhere in your studies, and how do you see it connecting to your personal interests and career path?

As a Jew I just feel like I've learned about my religion and its history more than I ever have. I've learned how it's origins and how it's transformed

[6] **Perceived Obstacles/Fit:** When you think about declaring a major or minor, what is the single biggest factor or perception (e.g., career relevance, course load, fit with existing major, lack of background) that prevents you from seriously considering Jewish Studies?

Does it fit with my current major, and course load

[7] **Initial Barrier:** Before taking this course, what was your initial impression of what Jewish Studies entailed, and did that impression in any way discourage you from considering it as a field of study? If so, how has this course either reinforced or changed that initial perception?

I didn't really know much about Jewish studies, this course has opened my mind to a minor potentially.

[9] **Major/Minor Appeal:** If the Jewish Studies program offered a specific feature, course, or track that was directly relevant to your current major (e.g., a concentration in religious law and policy for a Pre-Law student, or a focus on ancient history and archaeology for a Classics student), would you be more likely to consider a minor or double major? Why or why not?

I'd love maybe a minor in Judaism and the Environment

[10] **Time and Priority:** How do the requirements and time commitment of your current major or degree path weigh against the idea of adding a Jewish Studies major or minor?

It would be really hard since I'm already a double major

[11] **Would you be interested** or do you have time to participate in a Jewish Studies Program Club? (please be candid)

Interested, yes Don't have time

[12] Would a Jewish Studies Program Instagram account be something you would follow or consider following? (please be candid)

Yeah I'd follow it and keep up with it

[13] **What other classes** (i.e. class topics) would be of interest to you for future study in the Jewish Studies Program?

I'm open to any topic honestly, it's fun learning about things I'm connected to and don't know much about.

[14] **May I** share or distribute your response to this survey?

Yes

Thank you for your time filling out this survey!

STUDENT SURVEY

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Jewish Studies Program – Major in Modern Jewish Studies

Student Survey:

What Class - Judaism

Semester and Date

Fall Semester 2025, November 12th, 2025

[1] Do you like, love, or hate this class and would you consider taking another class in Jewish Studies and/or with the professor? I like this class. I don't think I would take another class

[2] What year are you; what is your home College, what is your major or intended major? VPA, first year, CRS major

[3] Are you aware that there is Jewish Studies Program and that you can take a minor in Jewish Studies or major in Modern Jewish Studies? Yes

[4] If yes, how did you hear about Jewish Studies Program and minor or major this class
In-class

[5] Gains and Relevance: What is the most valuable or surprising thing you've learned in this Jewish Studies course that you feel you wouldn't have learned in your declared major or elsewhere in your studies, and how do you see it connecting to your personal interests and career path?

I am Jewish and I think its interesting to learn different perspectives of how the professor sees the religion

[6] **Perceived Obstacles/Fit:** When you think about declaring a major or minor, what is the single biggest factor or perception (e.g., career relevance, course load, fit with existing major, lack of background) that prevents you from seriously considering Jewish Studies?

career relevance, interest, course load
[7] **Initial Barrier:** Before taking this course, what was your initial impression of what Jewish Studies entailed, and did that impression in any way discourage you from considering it as a field of study? If so, how has this course either reinforced or changed that initial perception?

I thought it was more based on modern Judaism rather than old

[9] **Major/Minor Appeal:** If the Jewish Studies program offered a specific feature, course, or track that was directly relevant to your current major (e.g., a concentration in religious law and policy for a Pre-Law student, or a focus on ancient history and archaeology for a Classics student), would you be more likely to consider a minor or double major? Why or why not?

No

[10] **Time and Priority:** How do the requirements and time commitment of your current major or degree path weigh against the idea of adding a Jewish Studies major or minor?

I could but I'm not super interested

[11] **Would you be interested** or do you have time to participate in a Jewish Studies Program Club? (please be candid)

No

[12] Would a Jewish Studies Program Instagram account be something you would follow or consider following? (please be candid)

Sure

[13] **What other classes** (i.e. class topics) would be of interest to you for future study in the Jewish Studies Program?

Maybe a course about God or woman roles in Judaism

[14] **May I** share or distribute your response to this survey?

Sure

Thank you for your time filling out this survey!

STUDENT SURVEY

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Jewish Studies Program – Major in Modern Jewish Studies

Student Survey:

What Class

Judaism

Semester and Date

fall semester, 11/12/25

[1] Do you like, love, or hate this class and would you consider taking another class in Jewish Studies and/or with the professor? This class is okay,

[2] What year are you; what is your home College, what is your major or intended major? freshman, Maxwell, LSP and Political Science

[3] Are you aware that there is Jewish Studies Program and that you can take a minor in Jewish Studies or major in Modern Jewish Studies? Yes

[4] If yes, how did you hear about Jewish Studies Program and minor or major this class

Professor Braiterman

[5] Gains and Relevance: What is the most valuable or surprising thing you've learned in this Jewish Studies course that you feel you wouldn't have learned in your declared major or elsewhere in your studies, and how do you see it connecting to your personal interests and career path?

Nothing

but I am not interested in another class.

[6] **Perceived Obstacles/Fit:** When you think about declaring a major or minor, what is the single biggest factor or perception (e.g., career relevance, course load, fit with existing major, lack of background) that prevents you from seriously considering Jewish Studies?

[7] **Initial Barrier:** Before taking this course, what was your initial impression of what Jewish Studies entailed, and did that impression in any way discourage you from considering it as a field of study? If so, how has this course either reinforced or changed that initial perception?

Zero interest.
This course made me less interested in Jewish studies, I wish the class was less history / more modern based.

[9] **Major/Minor Appeal:** If the Jewish Studies program offered a specific feature, course, or track that was directly relevant to your current major (e.g., a concentration in religious law and policy for a Pre-Law student, or a focus on ancient history and archaeology for a Classics student), would you be more likely to consider a minor or double major? Why or why not?

No, no interest.

[10] **Time and Priority:** How do the requirements and time commitment of your current major or degree path weigh against the idea of adding a Jewish Studies major or minor?

I genuinely don't have interest.

[11] **Would you be interested** or do you have time to participate in a Jewish Studies Program Club? (please be candid)

No

[12] **Would a Jewish Studies Program Instagram account** be something you would follow or consider following? (please be candid)

No

[13] **What other classes** (i.e. class topics) would be of interest to you for future study in the Jewish Studies Program?

None

[14] **May I** share or distribute your response to this survey?

Sure

Thank you for your time filling out this survey!

STUDENT SURVEY

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Jewish Studies Program – Major in Modern Jewish Studies

Student Survey:

What Class REL135

Semester and Date

Fall 2025, 11/12/2025

[1] Do you like, love, or hate this class and would you consider taking another class in Jewish Studies and/or with the professor? Like; I would consider it.

[2] What year are you; what is your home College, what is your major or intended major?

Senior; University of San Francisco, my major is Finance
[3] Are you aware that there is Jewish Studies Program and that you can take a minor in Jewish Studies or major in Modern Jewish Studies? YES

[4] If yes, how did you hear about Jewish Studies Program and minor or major this class

I heard via friends who'd taken REL135 before.

[5] Gains and Relevance: What is the most valuable or surprising thing you've learned in this Jewish Studies course that you feel you wouldn't have learned in your declared major or elsewhere in your studies, and how do you see it connecting to your personal interests and career path?

I learned the ancient traditions of Yom Kippur, and how they've evolved with Judaism over time. I see this helping me understand my religiously Jewish co-workers or friends customs and ~~the~~ conduct.

[6] **Perceived Obstacles/Fit:** When you think about declaring a major or minor, what is the single biggest factor or perception (e.g., career relevance, course load, fit with existing major, lack of background) that prevents you from seriously considering Jewish Studies?

Practicality, I chose Finance due to it being a money making pursuit.
[7] **Initial Barrier:** Before taking this course, what was your initial impression of what Jewish Studies entailed, and did that impression in any way discourage you from considering it as a field of study? If so, how has this course either reinforced or changed that initial perception?

*I thought it'd be more memorization, similar to Sunday School.
That dissuaded me from taking any religion as a minor/major, however this course has totally flipped that idea on its head. The use of discussion and frequent writing has proven much more pleasant.*

[9] **Major/Minor Appeal:** If the Jewish Studies program offered a specific feature, course, or track that was directly relevant to your current major (e.g., a concentration in religious law and policy for a Pre-Law student, or a focus on ancient history and archaeology for a Classics student), would you be more likely to consider a minor or double major? Why or why not?

I'd consider it more, but it's unlikely I'd pursue it. I know there's a money & religion class, but it wouldn't make me add a minor or major in all likelihood.

[10] **Time and Priority:** How do the requirements and time commitment of your current major or degree path weigh against the idea of adding a Jewish Studies major or minor?

Very heavily. I couldn't fathom balancing another major with my current course load.

[11] **Would you be interested** or do you have time to participate in a Jewish Studies Program Club? (please be candid)

No, likely not.

[12] Would a Jewish Studies Program Instagram account be something you would follow or consider following? (please be candid)

No, likely not.

[13] **What other classes** (i.e. class topics) would be of interest to you for future study in the Jewish Studies Program?

The religion & money class.

[14] **May I** share or distribute your response to this survey?

Yes.

Thank you for your time filling out this survey!

STUDENT SURVEY

A survey composed of 13 questions designed for students currently enrolled in a Jewish Studies course, focusing on what they gain from the course and their reasons for not pursuing a major or minor:

Jewish Studies Program – Major in Modern Jewish Studies

Student Survey:

What Class Great Jewish writers

Semester and Date Fall 2025 semester

[1] Do you like, love, or hate this class and would you consider taking another class in Jewish Studies and/or with the professor?

I like this class but would not want to take another class.

[2] What year are you; what is your home College, what is your major or intended major?

I'm a sophomore, home college is Newhouse, and major Public Relations

[3] Are you aware that there is Jewish Studies Program and that you can take a minor in Jewish Studies or major in Modern Jewish Studies?

Yes

[4] If yes, how did you hear about Jewish Studies Program and minor or major this class

I ~~had~~ have taken many Jewish studies classes so I am aware of the program.

[5] Gains and Relevance: What is the most valuable or surprising thing you've learned in this Jewish Studies course that you feel you wouldn't have learned in your declared major or elsewhere in your studies, and how do you see it connecting to your personal interests and career path?

I think the most valuable thing I have learned is understanding beyond just the context of a story but also the different narration, irony, figure of speech that also goes into these works.

[6] **Perceived Obstacles/Fit:** When you think about declaring a major or minor, what is the single biggest factor or perception (e.g., career relevance, course load, fit with existing major, lack of background) that prevents you from seriously considering Jewish Studies?

Fit w/ major.
[7] **Initial Barrier:** Before taking this course, what was your initial impression of what Jewish Studies entailed, and did that impression in any way discourage you from considering it as a field of study? If so, how has this course either reinforced or changed that initial perception? *I had no initial impression of what Jewish studies entailed but I knew that this course would be very writing intensive and contain a lot of different Jewish reading*

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[10] **Time and Priority:** How do the requirements and time commitment of your current major or degree path weigh against the idea of adding a Jewish Studies major or minor?

My major is a big time commitment and so it completely limits me adding another major.

[11] **Would you be interested** or do you have time to participate in a Jewish Studies Program Club? (please be candid)

I am already in Tamid.

[12] **Would a Jewish Studies Program Instagram account be something you would follow or consider following?** (please be candid)

Yes

[13] **What other classes** (i.e. class topics) would be of interest to you for future study in the Jewish Studies Program? *N/A*

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Jewish Studies Program – Major in Modern Jewish Studies

Student Survey:

What Class REL 131

Semester and Date

Fall, 11/18/2024

[1] Do you like, love, or hate this class and would you consider taking another class in Jewish Studies and/or with the professor? I like this class, yes.

[2] What year are you; what is your home College, what is your major or intended major? Senior, Whitman, Finance & Supply Chain Management.

[3] Are you aware that there is Jewish Studies Program and that you can take a minor in Jewish Studies or major in Modern Jewish Studies? yes.

[4] If yes, how did you hear about Jewish Studies Program and minor or major this class Synagogue websites.

[5] Gains and Relevance: What is the most valuable or surprising thing you've learned in this Jewish Studies course that you feel you wouldn't have learned in your declared major or elsewhere in your studies, and how do you see it connecting to your personal interests and career path?

I find learning of the great writers from my Religion valuable. I would not have learned about them in my major. Culture is important in my career, especially knowing different customs & customs.

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single biggest factor or perception (e.g., career relevance, course load, fit with existing

major, lack of background) that prevents you from seriously considering Jewish Studies?

[7] Initial Barrier: Before taking this course, what was your initial impression of what Jewish

Studies entailed, and did that impression in any way discourage you from considering it as

a field of study? If so, how has this course either reinforced or changed that initial

perception?

While initially, this class does not teach me anything pertinent to my desired career.

This class reinforced that belief because I cannot use anything I learned in the future in a

transferable way, or at least I'm unsure how to.

[9] Major/Minor Appeal: If the Jewish Studies program offered a specific feature, course, or

track that was directly relevant to your current major (e.g., a concentration in religious law

and policy for a Pre-Law student, or a focus on ancient history and archaeology for a

Classics student), would you be more likely to consider a minor or double major? Why or

why not?

Yes because I would learn more about my people and build relevant skills.

[10] Time and Priority: How do the requirements and time commitment of your current

major or degree path weigh against the idea of adding a Jewish Studies major or minor?

I am already a dual major and heavily involved in clubs. I would not have

enough time.

[11] Would you be interested or do you have time to participate in a Jewish Studies

Program Club? (please be candid)

I do not have time unfortunately.

[12] Would a Jewish Studies Program Instagram account be something you would follow or

consider following? (please be candid)

Yeah, why not?

[13] What other classes (i.e. class topics) would be of interest to you for future study in the

Jewish Studies Program?

Judaism in Finance or Jewish Financial Culture. Maybe Economic History?

[14] May I share or distribute your response to this survey?

yes.

Thank you for your time filling out this survey!

No problem!

