



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
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ISRAEL STUDIES MINOR



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INTRODUCTION

AU's undergraduate minor in Israel studies is one of the premier programs in the United States. Its focus is not on the Arab-Israeli conflict but on Israel's history, unique political democracy, multicultural society, economic development, immigrant absorption, and international contributions in the arts, business, technology, sciences, and letters.

Another feature of the minor is its seamless connection with study abroad in Israel. AU students are encouraged to study in Israel and receive credits toward the Israel studies minor, which is administered through the Jewish Studies Program.

AU ABROAD—ISRAEL

Hebrew University

Experience living and studying in a 3,000-year-old city that is also a thriving modern metropolis. Jerusalem, the capital city of Israel, is like no other city on earth. It is holy to the world's three major monotheistic religions and is incredibly rich in history and culture.

Hebrew University of Jerusalem was founded in 1925 and is one of Israel's most prestigious universities. Its continuing mission is to remain a world-renowned institution of higher learning and contribute to the cultural and academic development of Israel. Overseas students have attended the Hebrew University since its earliest days, and now AU students can become part of this diverse, exciting campus community. The program for study abroad students at Hebrew University is based at its Rothberg International School.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.auabroad.american.edu/partner/huj.cfm>

Ben Gurion University

Ben Gurion University of the Negev is in dynamic Be'er Sheva, the fourth largest city in Israel. The university was established to lead the development of the Negev, a desert that covers more than 60 percent of the country. The university is a major center for teaching and research, with more than 17,000 students enrolled in the engineering sciences, health sciences, natural sciences, humanities and social sciences, management, and the Kreitman School of Advanced Graduate Studies.

The university is a world leader in arid zone research, offering its expertise to many developing countries. In keeping with its mandate, it plays a key role in promoting industry, agriculture, and education in the Negev. Its students are known for their community-oriented activities, and thousands of them take part in special tutoring projects.

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THE MINOR IN ISRAEL STUDIES

The minor in Israel studies is an interdisciplinary program that draws on faculty and courses related to Israel from across the campus. Students take three core courses focused on the history and civilization of Israel and the relationships between Israel and the Arab world. They then take 9 additional credit hours in approved elective course work. Students in the minor are encouraged to study abroad in Israel and to take Hebrew language courses.

Admission to the Program

Formal admission to the minor requires a grade point average of 2.00 and approval of the program director.

Requirements

18 credit hours with grades of C or better with at least 12 credit hours unique to the minor and at least 9 credit hours at the 300 level or above.

Course Requirements

Core (9 credit hours)

- **HIST-245** Modern Jewish Civilization (3)
- **HIST-343** History of Israel (3)
- **SIS-365** Arab-Israeli Relations (3)

Electives (9 credit hours)

9 credit hours from the following with approval of the program director:

- **HIST-344** Topics in Jewish History (3) (approved topics)
- **JWST-320** Topics in Jewish Culture (3) (approved topics)
- **JWST-390** Independent Reading (1-6)
- **JWST-490** Independent Study (1-6)
- **JWST-491** Internship (1-6)
- **SIS-400** Senior Seminar in International Relations (3): Israeli Identity

Additional courses may fulfill these requirements, with approval of the program director.

Study abroad in Israel is highly recommended, and, with approval of the program director, courses taken abroad may fulfill minor requirements.

THE CENTER FOR ISRAEL STUDIES

The undergraduate minor in Israel studies is a joint project of the Jewish Studies Program and the Center for Israel Studies. The center exists to present the creative and intellectual contributions of modern Israel in the arts, sciences, social sciences and humanities. As a university center in Washington, D.C., it is uniquely qualified to be a national and international hub for the examination and interpretation of these achievements.



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