### Major: JEWISH STUDIES

**Importance of an early start:**

This is a moderately course-intensive and sequential program, and students who intend to pursue this major must begin taking classes for the major in their first or second year at UCSC.

**Qualification requirements and/or prerequisites for the major:**

The Jewish studies major does not have any qualification requirements and/or prerequisites, and does not limit the number of students it will accept into the program. It is strongly advised that students complete at least one introductory Jewish studies course and one course of instruction in a Jewish language before declaring the major.

**Frosh who intend to pursue this major should do the following things prior to the beginning of fall term...**

Students with prior knowledge of Hebrew or Yiddish are advised to complete a language placement exam to determine if they have satisfied any of the elementary language course requirements. Students should review the major requirements on the Jewish studies website. An early understanding of the major requirements provides students with an invaluable head start to their college career and the major.

**...and should take these courses their first term:**

HEBR 1: *First-Year Hebrew* and
HIS 74B: *Introduction to Middle Eastern and North African Jewish History, 1500-2000*

**Sample first year plan:**

- **Fall:** HEBR 1: *First-Year Hebrew* and
  HIS 74B: *Introduction to Middle Eastern and North African Jewish History, 1500-2000*
- **Winter:** HEBR 2: *First-Year Hebrew* and
  LIT 61J: *Introduction to Jewish Literature and Culture*
- **Spring:** HEBR 3: *First-Year Hebrew* and
  HIS 75: *Film and the Holocaust*

**Skills important for success in this major:**

Analytical writing and reading, critical thinking, cultural analysis, and literary, historical, art historical, and philosophical analysis.

**Other information:**

The Jewish studies program is administered by the History Department. Prospective Jewish studies majors who have difficulty pre-enrolling in Hebrew or Yiddish language courses should contact the course instructor by email and sign up on the class waiting list.

Prospective Jewish studies majors are strongly encouraged to familiarize themselves with the 2017-2018 Jewish Studies Undergraduate Curriculum, an invaluable tool for making an enrollment plan for the coming academic year.

**Links to More Information:**

- [http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/](http://admissions.ucsc.edu/academics/majors/) (general info)
- [http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/](http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/) (major requirements, course descriptions, etc.)
- [http://jewishstudies.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/](http://jewishstudies.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/) (program website)

**Questions? Contact an Adviser!**

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