

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ**  
**NEW STUDENT MAJOR ADVISING SUMMARY FOR 2018-2019 FROSH**

Students are admitted to UCSC with a "proposed major" in most cases, and later petition to officially declare the major. Admission to UCSC does not guarantee acceptance into a particular major. Students must be declared in a major by the end of the second year (or equivalent), so learning about and preparing for a major is a primary goal for first-year students.

**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. 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...** Review the [major requirements](#) and [sample four year plan](#) on the Jewish Studies website. Familiarizing yourself with the major and its requirements will give you an invaluable head-start to your college career. 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.

**...and should take these courses their first term:** HEBR 1: *First-Year Hebrew* and JWST 77: *Visualizing American Jewish History*

**Sample first year plan:**

Fall: HEBR 1: *First-Year Hebrew* and JWST 77: *Visualizing American Jewish History*

Winter: HEBR 2: *First-Year Hebrew* and HIS 74: *Introduction to Jewish History and Cultures*

Spring: HEBR 3: *First-Year Hebrew* and HIS 76: *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 encouraged to familiarize themselves with the [2018-2019 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/> (general info)  
<http://registrar.ucsc.edu/catalog/programs-courses/> (major requirements, course descriptions, etc.)  
<http://jewishstudies.ucsc.edu/undergraduate/> (program website)

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