Judaic Studies

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Judaic Studies is an interdisciplinary program offering courses, majors, minors, concentrations, and masters and doctoral degrees in Judaic studies that draw upon a variety of perspectives. Courses are offered in the Departments of Anthropology, History, Literature, Music, Political Science, Philosophy, and Sociology.

Students also have the option within the literatures of the World major, in the Department of Literature, of concentrating on Judaic literature; or on a combined program of the literatures of the World major (concentration in Judaic literature) and classical studies.

In addition, Revelle and Muir Colleges have noncontiguous minors in Judaic studies and in Hebrew language and literature; Warren College has Judaic studies and Hebrew literature concentrations; and various general requirements in all colleges can be met by courses in the Judaic area. For details students should inquire at their provost's office or at the Judaic Studies Program office.

The Judaic Studies Program offers scholarships and fellowships for study abroad.

Students are encouraged to participate in the UC Education Abroad Program (EAP) in Jerusalem or Beersheva, and to investigate other options through the Opportunities Abroad Program (OAP). By petition, credits earned through EAP/OAP can fulfill UCSD degree, major, and minor requirements. Interested students should contact the Programs Abroad Office in the International Center for more information. Please visit the Web site at http://orpheus.ucsd.edu/center/pao.

In addition, the Judaic Studies Program and UCSD Department of Anthropology offer credit and hands-on experience in Near Eastern archaeology at their archaeological field schools in Israel or Jordan. Up to twelve units of academic credit may be earned through the UCSD Summer Session Program. Some scholarships are available through Judaic Studies. For more information call the UCSD Summer Session Office. Or visit our Web site at: http://weber.ucsd.edu/Depts/Anthro/classes/tlevy for our archaeological field schools in Israel and Jordan. For a general overview of the Judaic Studies Program see: http://orpheus.ucsd.edu/history/JudaicStud.html.

Major

Requirements for the major in Judaic studies are:

1. Judaic Studies 100 or equivalent; HITO 104, HITO 105.
2. Four upper-division courses in Judaic studies, to be selected in consultation with a faculty adviser.

B. Requirements for the minor in Hebrew language and literature:

Seven quarter courses in Hebrew language and literature, ordinarily Judaic Studies 1, 2, 3, 101, 102, and 103 plus one elective course.

Note: Other course combinations for the major and minor may be approved by the student's faculty adviser.

Note: A majority of the courses for the major or minor must be taken at UCSD.

THE PH.D. IN ANCIENT HISTORY

The aim of the doctoral program is to produce skilled, interesting scholars and teachers who are specialists in a particular area but who have also mastered the tools of biblical scholarship in general. These include skills in history, literature, archaeology, anthropology, epigraphy, history of religion, and Near Eastern languages. Each student works in a major field and two minor fields. The program includes coursework in archaeology, and students also have the opportunity to do fieldwork in the program's excavations if they choose. Students must acquire competence in the languages necessary for their work. For those whose concentration is in Hebrew Bible, the required languages are Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic, Akkadian, Ugaritic, German, and French. For those whose concentration is in post-biblical Jewish history, the required languages are Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek.

THE PH.D. IN ANTHROPOLOGY (ARCHAEOLOGY)

The Department of Anthropology offers graduate training in social, cultural, and psychological anthropology. Graduate training in anthropological archaeology and biological anthropology has recently begun at UCSD. In conjunction with the Judaic Studies Program, students may concentrate in Near Eastern archaeology with a focus on Israel and Jordan. Students pursuing anthropological archaeology are expected to take required courses in anthropology and engage in field research.
THE M.A. IN JUDAIC STUDIES

The M.A. in Judaic Studies, offered under the auspices of the Department of History, is an interdisciplinary program permitting the student to select courses primarily in history and literature, but also in anthropology, political science, sociology, and philosophy. Some teaching opportunities may be available for M.A. students as well.

FELLOWSHIPS

Substantial fellowships are available for Ph.D. students. These include:

The Dita Gumpel Judaic Studies Endowed Fellowship

The University Fellowship

The Wexler Family Judaic Studies Fellowship Fund in honor of David Noel Freedman

Judaic Studies Fellowships

Teaching assistantships in the Revelle College Humanities/Writing Program and in other writing programs. Dissertation fellowships may be awarded to doctoral students at the dissertation stage of their studies. Funds are also available for support of travel to archaeological excavations. Students are also eligible for research-travel funds to other campus libraries of the University of California, as well as for grants that permit research in archives and libraries elsewhere. Students who read papers at scholarly conferences may also receive financial support for their participation.

Archaeology

Since 1993, the Judaic Studies Program has sponsored major archaeological excavations in Israel’s northern Negev desert. Shortly after the peace treaty was formalized between Israel and Jordan, the program began a long-term archaeological field program in the Jabal Hamrat Fidan Region (JHF) of southern Jordan. The project aims at studying the influence of early ore procurement and metallurgy on social change from the Neolithic period through the Iron Age. UCSD graduate students play an active role in the fieldwork and laboratory studies of material from these excavations. Qualified students in the program are encouraged to use these data as part of their doctoral studies. In 2003, the program plans a major archaeological excavation at the Iron Age metal production town of Khirbet en-Nahas in the JHF research area.

The Judaic Studies Program supports a state-of-the-art archaeological laboratory in the Social Sciences Building on the UCSD campus. A wide range of digital-based technologies is used for archaeological data and image processing that are linked through the Internet. Labs for processing pottery, stone tools, and other materials are available for student use.

Publications

The program produces a series of volumes: Biblical and Judaic Studies from the University of California, San Diego (published by Eisenbrauns). The Anchor Bible (Commentary, Reference Library, and Dictionary) is edited by David Noel Freedman at UCSD. The program has published four volumes that were developed from international conferences held at UCSD.

Lectures and Conferences

The program regularly hosts international conferences and an annual series of lectures and seminars by distinguished scholars in Hebrew Bible, Archaeology, and Judaica. The Yigal Shiloh Memorial Lecture in Archaeology, is given by an archaeologist each year in memory of Professor Yigal Shiloh.

Application Procedures

The deadline for applications is January 15. For further information contact:

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GRADUATE PROGRAM, JUDAIC STUDIES 0104
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La Jolla, California 92093-0104
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COURSES

Following are course offerings in this area.

For descriptions of the courses listed below, refer to the appropriate department’s section of the catalog.

Judaic Studies 1. Beginning Hebrew (4)
Acquisition of basic vocabulary, fundamentals of Hebrew grammar, conversation, and reading.

Judaic Studies 2. Intermediate Hebrew (4)
Continued study of vocabulary and grammar, emphasis on fluency in conversation, and reading.

Judaic Studies 3. Intermediate Hebrew, Continued (4)
Vocabulary, grammar, conversation, introduction to literary and nonliterary texts.

Judaic Studies 100. Introduction to Hebrew Bible (4)
(Formerly JS 100A) An introduction to the Hebrew Bible focusing on the first five books, the Torah.

Judaic Studies 101. Introduction to Hebrew Texts (4)
Reading and analysis of texts from Biblical through modern authors, study of advanced vocabulary and grammar. Course taught in Hebrew and in English.

Judaic Studies 102. Intermediate Hebrew Texts (4)
Further reading and analysis of Hebrew literature from a range of periods. Advanced grammar and vocabulary. Course taught in Hebrew and in English.

Judaic Studies 103. Advanced Hebrew Texts (4)
Synthesis of fluency, reading, and grammatical skills. Reading of texts from a range of periods.

Judaic Studies 110. Introduction to Judaism (4)
An introductory survey of Jewish history, literature, and culture from antiquity to contemporary times. Topics include sacred texts, the variety of groups and views of Judaism, the historical and geographical movements of the Jewish people, and the intersection of religion, ethnicity, and culture.

Judaic Studies 111. Topics in Judaic Studies (4)
Study of a particular period, theme, or literature in Jewish civilization.

ANLD 3. World Prehistory (4)

ANGN 115. Anthropological Perspective (4)

HINE 102. The Jews in Their Homeland in Antiquity (4)

HINE 103. The Jewish Diaspora in Antiquity (4)

HINE 104. The Bible and the Ancient Near East: The Primary History (4)

HINE 105. The Bible and the Near East: The Prophets (4)

HINE 106. The Bible and the Near East: The Writings (4)

HINE 108. The Middle East before Islam (4)

HINE 114. History of the Islamic Middle East (4)

HINE 115. The Middle East Since 1600 (4)

HINE 116. The Middle East in the Age of European Empires (1798 to 1914) (4)

HINE 118. The Middle East in the Twentieth Century (4)

HINE 160/260. Special Topics in the Bible and Ancient Near East (4)
HINE 166/266. Nationalism in the Middle East (4)
HINE 170/270. Special Topics in Jewish History (4)
HINE 171A/271A. Introduction to Aramaic Language (4)
HINE 171B/270B. Introduction to Aramaic Dialects (4)
  Prerequisite: previous course.
HINE 171C/270C. Continued Study of Aramaic Dialects (4)
  Prerequisite: previous course.
HINE 172A/272A. The Evolution of the Northwest Semitic Dialects (4)
  Prerequisites: knowledge of at least one Semitic language; a course in general linguistics also desirable.
HINE 172B/272B. Introduction to Ugaritic (4)
  Prerequisite: previous course.
HINE 172C/272C. Advanced Ugaritic (4)
  Prerequisite: previous course.
HINE 173A/273A. Introduction to Akkadian Language and Mesopotamian Culture (4)
HINE 173B/273B. Continued Akkadian Language (4)
  Prerequisite: previous course.
HINE 173C/273C. Advanced Akkadian Language (4)
  Prerequisite: previous course.
HINE 181/281. Problems in Hebrew Manuscripts (4)
HINE 199. Independent Study in Near Eastern History (4)
HITO 100. Religious Traditions: Ancient Near Eastern Religions (4)
HITO 101. Religious Traditions: Judaism, Christianity, Islam (4)
HITO 104. The Jews and Judaism in the Ancient and Medieval Worlds (4)
HITO 105. The Jews and Judaism in the Modern World (4)
Humanities 1. The Foundations of Western Civilization: Israel and Greece (6)
LTCO 212. Studies in the Hebrew Bible (4)
LTNE 100. The Bible and Western Literature (4)
LTNE 101. Bible: The Narrative Books (4)
LTNE 102. Bible: The Prophetic Books (4)
LTNE 103. Bible: The Poetic Books (4)
LTNE 112. Medieval Hebrew Literature (4)
LTNE 131. Western Religious Traditions: Judaism, Christianity, Islam (4)
LTWL 132. The Jewish Experience in Literature (4)
LTWL 134. A Cultural History of American Jewry (4)
LTWL 148. Yiddish Literature in Translation (4)
LTWL 198. Directed Group Study (4)
LTWL 199. Special Studies (4)

Courses cross-listed as LTNE and LTWL may be taken as Hebrew literature by students proficient in the language or as general literature by students without knowledge of Hebrew.