Judaic Studies

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Judaic Studies is an interdisciplinary program offering courses, majors, minors, concentrations, and masters degrees that draw upon a variety of perspectives. For doctoral programs see below—the Ph.D. in ancient history and the Ph.D. in anthropology. 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 non-contiguous 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 Beersheba, 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 school 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. Twelve upper-division courses in Judaic studies, to be selected in consultation with a faculty adviser.
3. Upper-division competence in Hebrew, normally to be fulfilled by completion of first- and second-year Hebrew language courses, or equivalent.

Minors

A. Requirements for the minor in Judaic studies:
1. Judaic Studies 100, 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 Department of History offers a Ph.D. program in ancient history. Relevant major fields are the ancient Near East, the history of Israel in the biblical period, and the history of the Jewish people in antiquity. One of the two minor fields may be outside the history department. Students must acquire competence in the relevant ancient and modern languages.

THE PH.D. IN ANTHROPOLOGY (ARCHAEOLOGY)

The Department of Anthropology offers graduate training in social, cultural, and psychological anthropology, as well as in anthropological archaeology and biological anthropology. 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 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. 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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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)
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.

Judaic Studies 198. Directed Group Study in Judaic Studies (1-4)
Directed group study on a topic not generally included in the regular curriculum. Student must make arrangements with individual faculty members. (P/NP only)

Judaic Studies 199. Independent Study in Judaic Studies (1-4)
Independent study on a topic not generally included in the regular curriculum. Student must make arrangements with individual faculty members. (P/NP only)

ANLD 3. World Prehistory (4)
ANGN 100. Special Topics in Socio-Cultural Anthropology: Law, Religion, and Politics in Israel (4)
ANGN 142. Pastoralism in Archaeological Ethnographic Perspective (4)
ANGN 181. (formerly ANGN 145) Anthropological Archaeology (4)
ANGN 183. Chiefdoms, States, and the Emergence of Civilizations (4)
ANPR 194. Archaeological Field School (4)
ANRG 116. Archaeology of Society in Syro-Palestine (4)
ANRG 150. The Rise and Fall of Ancient Israel (4)
ANRG 162. Peoples of the Middle East (4)
HIGR 260A-B-C. Seminar in the Judaic Studies (4-4-4)
HIGR 261. Seminar in Hebrew Bible (4)
HIGR 264. Topics in Pre-Islamic Jewish History (4)
HIGR 295. Thesis Seminar
HIGR 296. M.A. Thesis Direction
HIGR 298. Directed Reading (1-12)
HIGR 299. Ph.D. Thesis Direction (1-12)
HIGR 500. Apprentice Teaching (1-40)
HINE 100. The Ancient Near East and Israel (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 109. Learning to Read Biblical Hebrew (4)
HINE 114. History of the Islamic Middle East (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/271B. Introduction to Aramaic Dialects (4)
Prerequisite: previous course.
HINE 171C/271C. 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 186/286. Topics in Middle Eastern History (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)

LTCD 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)


LTWL 131B. Topics in Early Christian Literature: Paul and the Invention of Christianity (4)

LTWL 131C. Topics in Early Christian Literature: Reinventing Jesus (4)

LTWL 131D. Topics in Early Christian Literature: The Fourth Gospel (4)

LTWL 131E. Topics in Early Christian Literature: The History of Heresy (4)

LTWL 132. The Jewish Experience in Literature (4)

LTWL 134. A Cultural History of American Jewry (4)

LTWL 138. Critical Religion Studies (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.