

JUDAIC STUDIES

What can I do with this major?

AREAS

EMPLOYERS

STRATEGIES

EDUCATION

Teaching
Research
Administration
Student Support Services
Student Affairs
Multicultural Programming
Study Abroad/International Student Services
Information/Library Science
Religious Life Programming
Campus Ministry

Universities and Colleges: public, private, or religiously affiliated
Secondary schools
College and university Hillels
Hebrew schools
Campus cultural centers
School and community libraries
Community organizations

Earn a doctorate degree for teaching and research at colleges and universities.
Earn a master's degree for positions in student affairs administration or library/information sciences.
Obtain certification/licensure to teach in public secondary schools. Choose a double major in an area such as history or mathematics.
Complete a Rabbinical program, approximately 4 to 7 years, depending on the branch of Judaism you wish to practice, to become a Rabbi for campus ministry.
Seek campus leadership positions such as Peer Mentor, Resident Assistant, or Orientation Leader.
Volunteer to assist a faculty member with research. Develop relationships with faculty to secure strong recommendations.
Maintain a high GPA to gain admittance to graduate school.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Case Management
Counseling
Rehabilitation
Vocational Training
Programming
Crisis Services (pregnancy, housing, etc)
Social Work
Administration
Volunteer Services
Fundraising
Grant Writing
Community Management
Community Outreach/Advocacy

Community centers
Youth organizations and camps
Synagogues
Shelters
Correctional institutions
Residential treatment facilities
Migrant service providers
Immigrant and refugee service providers
Nonprofit and social services organizations
Advocacy groups, e.g. Jewish Community Relations Council

Take courses in psychology, social work, or child and family studies. Consider a double major or minor.
Plan to earn a graduate degree in counseling, social work, or psychology to provide therapy.
Gain experience through volunteer opportunities, internships, and/or part-time jobs. Develop multicultural competence.
Participate in training opportunities, e.g. suicide prevention or crisis hotline response.
Develop fundraising and grant-writing skills. These are valued by non-profit agencies.
Learn Hebrew to work with immigrant and migrant populations.

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GOVERNMENT, LAW, AND POLITICS

Law Including:
International
Corporate
Public Interest
Civil
International Relations
Foreign Service
Lobbying
Government Relations
Public Policy
Research
Special Interest Advocacy
Program Administration
Immigration Services

Law firms
Corporate legal departments
Public defender offices
District attorneys
Public interest groups
Legal aid
Sole practitioner
Government agencies
Lobbying groups

Obtain a J.D. for law positions or an advanced degree in political science, public administration, or public policy for government positions.
Consider a double major or minor in areas such as economics, political science, or history.
Maintain a high GPA and secure strong faculty recommendations.
Prepare and take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).
Gain relevant experience through jobs and/or internships with law firms, government agencies, or mediation centers depending on your specific interests and career goals.
Consider studying abroad in Israel to gain international experience.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Human Resources
Training and Development
Equity and Diversity Functions
Management
Sales
Marketing
Public Relations
Event Planning
Consulting

Public and private corporations in various industries:
Banks and financial institutions
Insurance companies
Retail stores
Hotels and restaurants
Staffing agencies
Marketing companies
Public relations agencies
Consulting firms

Learn how to sell the Judaic studies major to business employers that value employees who understand and appreciate cultural diversity.
Understand the top skills employers desire and be prepared to demonstrate them, such as communication, computer, interpersonal, leadership, and problem-solving.
Double major or minor in business.
Gain related experience through internships or part-time jobs.
Get involved in relevant student organizations and seek leadership roles.
When job searching, seek employers interested in hiring 'any major.'
Earn an MBA or graduate degree in another area of interest for more advanced opportunities.

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STRATEGIES

COMMUNICATIONS AND ARTS

Journalism
Publishing
Writing
Editing
Advertising
Commercial Art
Museum Work:
 Curatorship
 Exhibition Design

Jewish publishing houses and production companies
Radio, television, and film producers
Publications and internet sites marketed toward Judaism, e.g. KTAV Publishing House, Jewish Professionals Network
Local synagogues
Advertising and public relations agencies
Museums and galleries
Large corporations

Plan to complete one or more internships in this area to prepare for professional jobs and to build a network of relevant professionals.
Based on interest areas, take courses in English, journalism, communications, or art history. Consider a double major or minor for specialized experience.
Develop excellent writing and editing skills.
Work for campus publications such as newspapers, radio stations, magazines, or department/program newsletters.
Volunteer to tutor students in a writing center.
Seek opportunities for recognition and networking through writing contests and freelance writing submissions.
Develop a portfolio of writing or art samples.
Be willing to move to a larger metropolitan area for more job opportunities.
Obtain a graduate degree for museum work.

RELIGIOUSLY AFFILIATED

Religious Leaders Including: Rabbi, Chazzan
Administration
Marketing/Advertising/Community Relations
Fundraising
Financial Planning
Social Event Coordination
Education
Chaplaincy:
 Military
 Hospital
 Institutional
Youth Services
Recruiting
Mentoring

Synagogues
Jewish organizations
Youth programs
Religiously-affiliated nonprofit organizations

Complete Rabbinical school, approximately 4 to 7 years, to become a Rabbi, e.g. The Rabbinical School of The Jewish Theological Seminary. It is important to research requirements to enter religiously-affiliated leadership positions.
Become proficient in Hebrew.
Possess high moral and ethical standards.
Develop leadership ability and self-discipline.
Hone communication skills, both oral and written.
Obtain experience and contacts through extensive involvement in campus and/or community organizations.
Often more opportunities exist in urban areas and large institutions.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Judaic Studies provides an interdisciplinary background and equips students with an understanding of global issues and trends in historical and contemporary contexts. This understanding of multiculturalism is valued by employers in industries such as education, government, and business.
- Judaic Studies majors are excellent candidates for a number of graduate school options because of their broad liberal arts background and specific interests that set them apart from other students. Research areas of interest for specific program requirements.
- Consider obtaining a double major or minor in another area to demonstrate specialized interests and potentially increase your job prospects.
- The major helps students develop transferable skills such as critical thinking, writing, and communication skills. Be prepared to talk about these skills with future employers.
- Study abroad in Israel to gain international experience.
- Obtaining relevant experience through internships and/or volunteer opportunities is critical to finding employment. Also join relevant organizations and seek leadership roles.