



2025 - 2026 Bachelor of Arts in Modern Jewish Studies

34 Units

Use this checklist in combination with your official Academic Requirements Report (ARR). This checklist is not intended to replace advising. Consult the advisor for appropriate course sequencing. *Curriculum changes in progress. Requirements subject to change.*

To be considered for admission to the major, complete the following Major Specific Degree Requirements (MSDR) by 60 units:

- Minimum 2.0 overall GPA
- Grades of "C" or better in GE Foundations, Arts and Humanities (Area 3), and Social and Behavioral Sciences (Area 4)
- First-Time, First Years (Freshmen) who began in Fall 2021 or later: Grade of "C" or better in Ethnic Studies (Area 6)

Courses

Prerequisites

Complete the following course (3 units total):

HIST 141: Jewish Civilization (3)

History - Complete 6 UNITS from the following courses (6 units total):

HEBW 100/HIST 140: Jewish Humor (3)

HIST 304: The Holocaust (3)

HIST 344: Tradition and Crisis: The Jews of Modern Europe (3)

HIST 345: Comparative Genocide (3)

HIST 393: Jews of the Modern Middle East (3)

HIST 420: Modern Israel: Histories and Peoples (3)

HIST 432: Change and Continuity in the Modern Middle East (3)

HIST 434: Muslims, Christians, and Jews Medieval Spain: Coexistence and Conflict (3)

HIST 470: American Jewish History (3)

Religion and Thought - Complete 6 UNITS from the following courses (6 units total):

R/ST 210: Introduction to the Bible (3)

R/ST 230: Heaven, Hell, and Other Afterlives (3)

R/ST 311: Religion & Literature of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament (3)

R/ST 312: Intertestament Literature, Palestine History, and Early Christianity (Dead Sea Scrolls) (3)

R/ST 314: Jewish Religion (3)

R/ST 318: Biblical Hebrew I (3)

R/ST 319: Biblical Hebrew II (3)

R/ST 318

R/ST 320A: Biblical Aramaic I (3)

GE Foundations

R/ST 320B: Biblical Aramaic II (3)

GE Foundations

Electives - Complete 19 UNITS from the courses listed above (not yet taken), or any of the following (19 units total):

CWL 344: Literature of the Holocaust (3)

Upper Division Standing

GEOG 309: The Middle East and North Africa (3)

GE Foundations; Upper Division Standing

HEBW 100/HIST 140: Jewish Humor (3)

HEBW 101A: Fundamentals of Hebrew (4)

HEBW 101B: Fundamentals of Hebrew (4)

HEBW 210: Love and Marriage in the Biblical Tradition (3)

POSC 367: Governments and Politics of the Middle East (3)

Department Language Requirement - Complete ONE of the following options to demonstrate a novice-midlevel proficiency in Hebrew (as defined by the American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages guidelines):

1. Complete one semester of beginning Hebrew (HEBW 101A or HEBW 101B) (4 units)
2. Complete one semester of Biblical Hebrew (R/ST 318 or R/ST 319) (3 units)
3. Successful completion of a language test arranged by the Director of the program

Option:

In order to graduate from CSULB, students must complete General Education/GWAR/Major requirements and have a minimum of 120 units (40 must be upper division) with at least a 2.0 in all GPAs (Overall, CSULB, Major).

Additional Information

- See online Catalog for additional course information, limitations, and requirements.
- Some courses may also fulfill GE requirements. Visit the GE website for course selection: csulb.edu/student-records/general-education-requirements.
- A course can only be used to satisfy one major requirement. **Double counting is not allowed within the major.**

Jewish Studies Program

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