

Jewish Studies (JEST)

Explore Judaism and the Jewish people while studying the history of Judaism as a religion, and the texts, sociologies, languages, cultures and fine arts of the Jewish people from biblical times to present day. Our Jewish Studies program is an interdisciplinary program housed in the Department of Humanities that brings together courses which focus on the exceptionally diverse subject areas that encompass Jewish Studies.

Sample First Year Schedule

Your first year classes in Jewish Studies will consist of a mixture of courses within your major, general education courses and elective courses outside your major.

Course Type	Course(s)	Credits
Major Course	AP/HUMA 1880 - The Jewish Experience, Civilization and Culture	6.00
Major Course	A 6.00 credit Hebrew course	6.00
General Education Course	Any approved 1000 level course from the Humanities or Social Sciences	6.00 or 9.00
General Education Course	Any approved course from the Natural Sciences	6.00
Course Outside Jewish Studies	Any course that is not a Jewish Studies or general education course	3.00
Total		30.00 (maximum)

Program Options

With Jewish Studies, you have the option of taking another program within the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies as a Double Major or pursuing another program as a Minor. Jewish Studies can also be taken as a minor.

Double Major Options Include:

English	Philosophy
French Studies	Political Science
German Studies	Religious Studies
History	Sociology
	+ many more!

Minor Options Include:

English	Philosophy
French Studies	Political Science
German Studies	Religious Studies
History	Sociology
	+ many more!

The York Promise

York is here to support you throughout your unique university journey. Beyond academic achievement, we strive to enrich your student experience through personal and professional development by offering:

- **Career-Focused Services**

Career advising, career fairs and networking opportunities to help sharpen your professional edge.

- **Academic Support**

Learning skills workshops, outstanding libraries, academic accommodations, transition programs and academic advising services designed to help you every step of the way.

- **Social & Leadership Development Programs**

A vibrant social scene with more than 300 clubs and organizations to enhance student life, and help you develop soft skills you can bring to the table in your future career.



Carrie Bettel
Alumni
Jewish Studies '15

"The completion of my Bachelor's Degree in Jewish Studies continues to help me in achieving my goals. After my B.A., I completed a Master's Degree in Israel and have now returned to York where I am pursuing a Ph.D. in Humanities with a diploma in Jewish Studies. The knowledge I learned in my undergraduate degree continues to be relevant to my current studies."

Your Degree Pathway

A degree in Jewish Studies requires the completion of 90 Credits for a Bachelor's Degree (three years) or 120 Credits for an Honours Degree (four years). Your courses will consist of Major, General Education, and Elective Courses.

First Year

First year will introduce you to the university environment, provide you with general education courses, and allow options for you to study courses aligned with your own interests.



Jewish Studies Courses: The Jewish Experience, Civilization and Culture, Hebrew Course

General Education Courses: Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural Sciences (for non-science students)

Elective Courses: Your choice of courses outside of Jewish Studies

Second Year

In your second year, you will continue your development of the fundamentals in Jewish Studies.



Jewish Studies Courses: Torah and Tradition, Jewish Studies arts, literature, history, classic texts, or culture class, Hebrew Course

General Education Courses: Humanities, Social Sciences or Natural Sciences (for non-science students)

Elective Courses: Choose new subjects to explore or continue to develop skills from previous selections

Third Year

Your third year in Jewish Studies will allow you to explore specific interests in the field.



Jewish Studies Courses: Choose from courses about antiquity and the modern era such as Ancient Israel, Canadian Jewish history, Israeli literature, Antisemitism, + many more

Elective Courses: Choose new subjects to explore or continue to develop skills from previous selections

Fourth Year

In your fourth and final year, your courses in Jewish Studies will be designed to meet your specific interests.



Jewish Studies Courses: Choose from a number of advanced seminars such as Gender and Sexuality in Jewish Life, Shaping Jewish Memory, Church, Mosque, Synagogue + many more

Elective Courses: These courses can include additional Jewish Studies courses or further courses of interest at the upper level



Your Degree!