

# UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FORMS

## Academic Program Approval

This form is a routing document for the approval of new and revised academic programs. Proposing department should complete this form. For more information, call the Faculty Senate Office at 831-2921.

**Submitted by:**  Jay L. Halio    phone number 831-6467/3324

**Department:**  Jewish Studies    jhalio@udel.edu

**Date:**  November 1, 2012

**Action:**    Add minor

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Example: add major/minor/concentration, delete major/minor/concentration, revise major/minor/concentration, academic unit name change, request for permanent status, policy change, etc.)

**Effectiveterm**  13F

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(use format 04F, 05W)

**Current degree** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

**Proposed change leads to the degree of:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

**Proposed name:**    Jewish Studies with Language

\_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit  
(if applicable)

**Revising or Deleting:**

**Undergraduate major / Concentration:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Example: Applied Music – Instrumental degree BMAS)

**Undergraduate minor:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Example: African Studies, Business Administration, English, Leadership, etc.)

**Graduate Program Policy statement change:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(**Must attach** your Graduate Program Policy Statement)

**Graduate Program of Study:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Example: Animal Science: MS Animal Science: PHD Economics: MA Economics: PHD)

**Graduate minor / concentration:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: all graduate studies proposals must include an electronic copy of the Graduate Program Policy Document, highlighting the changes made to the original policy document.**

**List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum. How do they support the overall program objectives of the major/minor/concentrations)?**

(Be aware that approval of the curriculum is dependent upon these courses successfully passing through the Course Challenge list. If there are no new courses enter “None”) None.

**Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revised curriculum supports the 10 goals of undergraduate education:** <http://www.ugs.udel.edu/gened/>

The new minor will complement the current minor by adding an emphasis on the Hebrew language. This will make the Jewish Studies minor attractive to students interested in languages, which is an important component of any liberal arts education. Since Hebrew is not an Indo-European language (like English), the new minor will help students understand the very nature of language. Reading Hebrew books and articles in the original will bring students closer to the sense of what is being written, insofar as languages in translation always lose at least a small part of their meaning. The new minor, in addition, will help develop an international perspective in our increasingly global society. By being able to speak in Hebrew, moreover, students will be in a better position to interact with Israelis (Arabs as well as Jews) and others who speak Hebrew but not English.

**Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:**

(Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter “None”)

The new minor will complement the other minors in language offered by the Foreign Languages and Literatures Department. Professor Zipser, the chair of that department, endorses this proposal (see attached email message).

**Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s):**

(Explain your reasons for creating, revising, or deleting the curriculum or program.)

Jewish Studies aims to bring students into closer contact with other cultures as well as Jewish culture, but its emphasis, of course, is on Jewish culture. Studying Hebrew language intensively will help reach that goal for students. It will also help lead to a new major in either Middle Eastern Studies or Religious and Cultural Studies, still in the planning stages.

**Program Requirements:**

(Show the new or revised curriculum as it should appear in the Course Catalog. If this is a revision, be sure to indicate the changes being made to the current curriculum and **include a side-by-side comparison** of the credit distribution before and after the proposed change.)

The main difference between the current minor in Jewish Studies and the proposed new minor is simply the emphasis on language. The current minor does not carry a requirement of any Hebrew language courses, and only three credits of Hebrew may count toward the minor. The new minor will require students to complete HEBR 107, and to qualify for that course students may have to take the earlier courses in Hebrew language or test out of them, although those courses below 107 will not count toward the new minor. With the addition of HEBR 107, the the proposed minor requires 20 credits as compared with the current minor of 16 credits, but like the current minor the 1-credit course, JWST 201, “Issues and Ideas in Jewish Studies,” is also required.

Jewish Studies explores Judaism's significant interactions with cultures and histories from around the world. Drawing from a range of disciplinary approaches, this program and its courses help to enrich many majors at the University. To study Jewish thought and history is to develop an understanding of the rich interplay among and between disparate histories, cultures, religions, laws, and literatures.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINORS IN JEWISH STUDIES

The interdisciplinary minor in Jewish Studies *without language* requires 16 credits.

- Students must take a minimum of 16 credits from the selection of Jewish Studies courses offered by the Jewish Studies Program (JWST) or cross-listed with another department.
- The one credit course, JWST201: Issues and Ideas in Jewish Studies, is the only course required for the minor. Offered every Spring
- Jewish Studies courses are cross-listed with a number of departments including Anthropology, English, Foreign Languages and literatures, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology and Women's Studies.
- Only 3 credits of Hebrew language and only 3 credits from study abroad courses can count toward the minor. Exceptions can be made by only with approval from the Director of the Jewish Studies Program.
- Three credits of independent course credit can be counted, with approval of the Director of the Jewish Studies Program.

The interdisciplinary minor in Jewish Studies *with language* requires all of the above plus HEBR 107 (or its equivalent), for a total of 20 credits.

### **ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION:** (Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

Department Chairperson Jay L. Halio Date 11/1/12

Dean of College \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson, College Curriculum Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson, Senate Com. on UG or GR Studies \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson, Senate Coordinating Com. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary, Faculty Senate \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Senate Resolution \_\_\_\_\_ Date to be Effective \_\_\_\_\_

Registrar \_\_\_\_\_ Program Code \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs & International Programs \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Provost \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Trustee Notification \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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--- On Wed, 10/31/12, Zipser, Richard A. <zipser@art-sci.udel.edu> wrote:

> From: Zipser, Richard A. <zipser@art-sci.udel.edu>

> Subject: Jewish Studies minor with language (Hebrew)

> To: "'jay halio'" <jlhalio@yahoo.com>

> Date: Wednesday, October 31, 2012, 4:45 PM Dear Jay,

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> I write to express support for the proposed minor in Jewish Studies

> with language (Hebrew).

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> Sincerely,

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> Richard Zipser, Chair

> Foreign Languages and Literatures Dept.

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