



Frankel Center for Judaic Studies

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Graduate Certificate Program in Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan is a comprehensive course of study for Ph.D. students in LS&A departments and professional schools across campus who want to acquire an interdisciplinary grounding in their area of expertise through organized interactions with graduate students and faculty in other areas. The Graduate Certificate Program in Judaic Studies builds upon the graduate courses offered by faculty affiliated with the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies and integrates them into a coherent cluster.

Upon completion of the program participants will receive a printed graduate certificate from the Rackham School of Graduate Studies as well as formal recognition on their University of Michigan transcripts.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

This program requires fifteen-hours of course work that will provide multidisciplinary perspectives on Judaic Studies consisting of the following:

Pro-Seminar:

The mandatory core introductory course, JUDAIC 601: *Introduction to Methods and Topics in Jewish Studies* introduces students to the various questions, texts, methodologies, and perspectives that constitute the broad field of Jewish studies. It ranges from antiquity to the modern period, reading Biblical and rabbinic texts, as well as medieval and modern ones. The focus is on interactions between Jews and others: on the ways in which Jews have understood themselves in relation to the societies in which they lived, the peoples with whom they interacted, the languages they acquired. (3 credits)

Capstone Research Course:

The mandatory capstone research course, JUDAIC 890, requires a student to carry out a culminating research project in Jewish studies that reflects an interdisciplinary perspective. The product can be a dissertation chapter, a master's thesis, or a substantive paper, and will normally be subject to approval by the student's Judaic Studies advisor and by the Graduate Student

Advisor. As part of JUDAIC 890, the student will present the work in at least one public forum, such as a lecture or brown-bag. (3 credits)

Breadth Requirement:

Three additional graduate-level courses are required from among those offered by Frankel Center faculty affiliates. At least one of these must be in a field outside of the student's primary department. Up to six of the fifteen credit hours may include courses that are required for the student's graduate or professional degree.

Sample elective courses arranged by concentration:

Jewish Literature and Culture

ENGLISH 553	20 th Century American Literature "Jewish American Literature"	3 Credits
ENGLISH 649	Topics in Contemporary Literature "Literature of the Holocaust"	3 Credits
HJCS 543	The Bible in Jewish Tradition	3 Credits
HJCS 545	Medieval Jewish Literature	3 Credits
HJCS 571	Israeli Literature	3 Credits
JUDAIC 401	Readings in Yiddish Texts	3 Credits
JUDAIC 481	Jewish Modernism in Eastern & Central Europe	3 Credits

Jewish History and Social Science

HJCS 401	Hebrew of the Communications Media	3 Credits
JUDAIC 480	Religion, Ethnicity, and Politics: The Jewish Case	3 Credits
JUDAIC 591	Advanced Reading in Jewish History and Literature	1 – 4 Credits
JUDAIC 628	Studies in Jewish History	3 Credits
JUDAIC 652	Jewish Political Thought and Experience	3 Credits

Classical & Modern Judaism

HJCS 478	Jewish Mysticism	3 Credits
HJCS 591	Topics in Hebrew and Jewish Cultural Studies	3 Credits
JUDAIC 478	Modern Jewish Thought	3 Credits

Language Requirement:

Students will be expected to have reading knowledge of at least one Jewish language. Proficiency will be measured via testing or the completion of language instruction through the 200-level (e.g., Yiddish 202, HJCS 202). These include Hebrew, Yiddish, Aramaic, Ladino, Judeo-Arabic, Judeo-Persian. Documentation of this status will be provided by Judaic Studies, and certified by the Judaic Studies Graduate Student Advisor. Credits earned from language instruction will not be applied to the certificate's 15-credit requirement.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Any student who has been admitted to or is currently enrolled in a Ph.D. or professional degree program at the University of Michigan is eligible to apply for a Graduate Certificate in Judaic Studies. Students must be in good standing to be considered. *Note: Students who have already received a master's degree in Judaic Studies are ineligible for the graduate certificate program.*

Admissions will take place once a year. The Judaic Studies Executive Committee will review applications by March 15 for the following academic year. Students who wish to enter the Program must submit an application including:

1. A letter outlining the student's reasons for wanting to receive a Judaic Studies certificate and the student's background in Judaic Studies.
2. A current transcript demonstrating that the student has maintained at least an "A-" average at his/her graduate or professional school.
3. A letter of approval from the Director of Graduate Studies in the student's home department or school clarifying an understanding of the student's intentions. This is not meant to be a letter of recommendation.
4. A letter of support from the student's advisor.
5. A declaration form, which requires students to map out a course of study for the certificate, with a list of courses already taken and those to be taken, as well as a statement explaining how Jewish Studies will be integrated in an overall course of study.

Materials should be submitted to the Student/Fellow Coordinator at least two terms before the anticipated graduate degree is to be received. Applications will be assessed and admitted by the Judaic Studies Executive Committee.

Advising:

All certificate candidates will work with the JS Graduate Student Advisor in planning a course of study. Once a year students will receive a report on their status and progress toward satisfactory completion of the certificate.

For additional information please visit our website at: www.lsa.umich.edu/Judaic

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Fall Term: **January 10**