# JUDAIC STUDIES
What can I do with this major?

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<td>Develop fundraising and grant-writing skills. These are valued by non-profit agencies.</td>
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### AREAS

#### GOVERNMENT, LAW, AND POLITICS

- Law Including:
  - International
  - Corporate
  - Public interest
  - Civil
  - International relations
  - Foreign service
  - Lobbying
  - Government relations
  - Public policy
  - Grant writing
  - Special interest advocacy
  - Program administration
  - Immigration services

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

- Strategies:
  - 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

- Employers:
  - 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

- Strategies:
  - 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.
### AREAS

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND ARTS
- Journalism
- Publishing
- Writing
- Editing
- Advertising
- Commercial art
- Museum work:
  - Curatorship
  - Exhibition design

#### EMPLOYERS
- 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

#### STRATEGIES
- 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 (e.g., Rabbi, Chazzan)
- Administration
- Marketing/Advertising
- Public relations
- Fundraising
- Financial planning
- Social event coordination
- Education
- Chaplaincy:
  - Military
  - Hospital
  - Institutional
- Youth services
- Recruiting
- Mentoring

#### EMPLOYERS
- Synagogues
- Jewish organizations
- Youth programs
- Religiously-affiliated nonprofit organizations

#### STRATEGIES
- 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.
• Judaic Studies introduces students historical, literary, political, social and philosophical classes, helping students understand multiple methods of analysis.
• 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 to gain international experience in Israel, Europe, or other large cities that have more information about Judaism.
• Obtaining relevant experience through internships and/or volunteer opportunities is critical to finding employment. Also join relevant organizations and seek leadership roles.