

# JUDAIC STUDIES

## What can I do with this major?

### AREAS

### EMPLOYERS

### STRATEGIES

#### EDUCATION

Teaching  
Research  
Grant writing  
Administration  
Student support services  
Student affairs  
Multicultural programming  
Study abroad/international student services  
Information/Library science  
Religious life programming  
Campus ministry

Universities and colleges  
Secondary schools  
College and university Hillels  
Hebrew schools  
Campus cultural centers  
School and community libraries  
Community organizations

Earn a doctorate degree for teaching and research at colleges and universities.  
Earn a master's degree for positions in student affairs administration or library/information sciences.  
Obtain certification/licensure to teach in public secondary schools. Choose a double major in an area such as history or mathematics.  
Complete a Rabbinical program, approximately 4 to 7 years, depending on the branch of Judaism you wish to practice, to become a Rabbi for campus ministry.  
Seek campus leadership positions such as Peer Mentor, Resident Assistant, or Orientation Leader.  
Volunteer to assist a faculty member with research. Develop relationships with faculty to secure strong recommendations.  
Maintain a high GPA to gain admittance to graduate school.

#### SOCIAL SERVICES

Case management  
Counseling  
Rehabilitation  
Vocational training  
Programming  
Crisis services (e.g., pregnancy, housing)  
Social work  
Administration  
Volunteer services  
Fundraising  
Grant writing  
Community management  
Community outreach/advocacy

Community centers  
Youth organizations and camps  
Synagogues  
Shelters  
Correctional institutions  
Residential treatment facilities  
Migrant service providers  
Immigrant and refugee service providers  
Nonprofit and social services organizations  
Advocacy groups (e.g., Jewish Community Relations Council)

Take courses in psychology, social work, or child and family studies. Consider a double major or minor.  
Plan to earn a graduate degree in counseling, social work, or psychology to provide therapy.  
Gain experience through volunteer opportunities, internships, and/or part-time jobs. Develop multicultural competence.  
Participate in training opportunities, e.g. suicide prevention or crisis hotline response.  
Develop fundraising and grant-writing skills. These are valued by non-profit agencies.  
Learn Hebrew to work with immigrant and migrant populations.

**AREAS**

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**STRATEGIES**

**GOVERNMENT, LAW, AND POLITICS**

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

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

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.

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**BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY**

Human resources  
Training and development  
Equity and diversity functions  
Management  
Sales  
Marketing  
Public relations  
Event planning  
Consulting

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

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.

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### COMMUNICATIONS AND ARTS

Journalism  
Publishing  
Writing  
Editing  
Advertising  
Commercial art  
Museum work:  
    Curatorship  
    Exhibition design

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

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.

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### 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

Synagogues  
Jewish organizations  
Youth programs  
Religiously-affiliated nonprofit organizations

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 Isrel, 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.