

ATTACHMENT 2B

ADD, CHANGE OR DELETE UNIT, PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, OR ACADEMIC POLICIES

Complete this form consistent with the instructions in Academic Policy 1622.20. Use the form to add, change, or delete a program or unit or to change program policies. Proposed additions and changes must be consistent with Academic Policies 1100.40 and 1621.10 and any other policies which apply.

SECTION I: Approvals

Department / Program Chair _____	Date Submitted _____	Graduate Council Chair _____	Date _____
College Dean _____	Date _____	Faculty Senate Chair _____	Date _____
Honors College Dean _____	Date _____	Provost _____	Date _____
Core Curriculum Committee _____	Date _____	Board of Trustees Approval/Notification Date _____	
University Course and Programs Committee _____	Date _____	Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Approval/Notification Date _____	
Vice Provost for Distance Education _____	Date _____		

(for on-line programs)

SECTION II: Profile Data - Required Information and Name Change Information

Academic Unit: Major/Field of Study Minor Other Unit _____ Policy

Level: Undergraduate Graduate Law Effective Catalog Year 2015

Program changes are effective with the next available catalog. See Academic Policy Series 1622.20

Current Name N/A

College, School, Division ARSC

Department Code ARSD

Current Code (6 digit Alpha) _____

Proposed Code (6 digit Alpha) JWST-M
Prior approval from the Office of the Registrar is required.

Interdisciplinary Program

CIP Code 38.0206
Prior assignment from Office of Institutional Research is required.

Proposed Name Minor in Jewish Studies

When a program name is changed, enrollment of current students reflects the new name.

SECTION III: Add a New Program/Unit

For new program proposals, complete Sections II and VII and use as a cover sheet for a full program proposal as described in 'Criteria and Procedures for Preparing Proposals for New Programs in Arkansas.' ADHE
<http://www.adhe.edu/divisions/academicaffairs/Pages/academicaffairs.aspx>

Program proposal uses courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: _____

SECTION IV: Eliminate an Existing Program/Unit

Code/Name _____ Effective Catalog Year _____

No new students admitted to program after Term: ____ Year: _____

Allow students in program to complete under this program until Term: ____ Year: _____

SECTION V: Proposed Changes to an Existing Program or Program Policies

Insert here a statement of the exact changes to be made: _____

Check if either of these boxes apply and provide the necessary signature:

- Program change proposal adds courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: _____
- Program change proposal deletes courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: _____

Check all the boxes that apply and complete the required sections of the form:

- Change of Name and Code (Complete only sections I, II, V and VII.)
- Change Course Requirements: (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change Delivery Site/Method (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change Total Hours (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change in Program Policies

SECTION VI: Justification

Justify this change and state its likely effect on any other degree program (including those outside the school or college). Identify any program or program components (other than courses) to be eliminated if this program is implemented. (Program and course change forms must also be submitted for such related changes.)

Section VI: Justification

Description

Faculty in WLLC, Philosophy, History, and English have offered courses relevant to Jewish Studies for a number of years, most recently GERM 4013 (Germany and the Holocaust), ENGL 3843 (American Jewish Literature), HUMN 425V (Modern Jewish Thought), and HIST 4143 (European Intellectual History). Because the students interested in any one of those would greatly benefit from having the others, we propose that a logical next step is to create a framework that incentivizes them to do so. American Jewish literature, for example, is largely informed by the Holocaust, both are related to Modern Jewish Thought, and are supported by the historical intellectual groundwork laid by European intellectual history. If those same students added JWST 2003 Introduction to Judaism and, for example, HIST 3473 Modern Day Israel/Palestine or MEST 4003 Middle East Studies colloquium, they would have a thorough grasp of the basics of Jewish Studies. In order to formalize and create cohesion between the rigorous complementary courses we already offer, the respective departments propose a minor in Jewish Studies.

Jewish Studies will be an important complement to existing Area Studies programs; it is related to Religious Studies and Middle East Studies in particular, but goes far beyond them and has the potential to connect also with all other Area Studies. Jewish Studies, moreover, is a critical addition to the Fulbright College offerings. The U of A is one of only four SEC schools that does not currently have a Jewish Studies or Judaic Studies representation (the others are Auburn and Mississippi State University; Ole Miss is currently developing Jewish Studies). Arkansas has one of the smallest Jewish populations in the United States, making a concentrated introduction to Judaism and Jewish life an important educational need in order to prepare our students for a diverse world. Additionally, although Arkansas has a small Jewish population (ca. 0.06%), it does have a vibrant Jewish history, which we hope to build into the curriculum if our proposal is accepted.

The Jewish Studies minor will be overseen by an interdisciplinary committee comprised of affiliated faculty from World Languages, Philosophy, History, and English Literature, with the intent of adding interested faculty from the Arts, Anthropology, and other disciplines in the future. The program will be housed in the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences.

Jewish Studies will not require the elimination of any course or program, but rather add more courses to our catalogue, and enable more interdisciplinary work, to accommodate our growing student population. Furthermore, "Introduction to Judaism" will be a likely candidate to count towards the Humanities Core Requirements, and "Introduction to Judaism," "Introduction to Jewish Languages," and one other elective will be strong candidates for the fulfillment of additional WLLC/Area Studies requirements. Students focusing on Jewish Studies will be able to connect their work with most UA majors.

Requirements

Students who minor in Jewish Studies will be required to take JWST 2003 Introduction to Judaism, a 3-credit hour interdisciplinary course that introduces students to central religious, cultural, historical, and political questions and ideas in Judaism and secular Jewish culture. (See attached syllabus) Because Judaism is far more than a religion, the course aims to introduce students to the variety of Jewishness around the world and throughout history. The course begins with an

introduction to the beliefs and religious practices of Judaism as a basis; it then progresses through the different religious and secular iterations of Jewish culture, beginning with politics, progressing through different countries, law, exegesis, philosophy, and mysticism. Under these rubrics students will gain insight into different movements, from Orthodox, to Reform, to mystic Judaism; politics surrounding Jewish life from the ancient diaspora to 20th-century political Zionism; Judaism (religious and secular) in the United States; Jewish oral and written law; the history of interpreting law and other texts in Jewish tradition from the Middle Ages to the present; Jewish philosophy; and Jewish mysticism. Each of these strands is a basic component necessary for approaching other directions students might pursue in their chosen electives, whether their interests lie in religion, politics, literature, cultural studies, arts, sciences, or law. For the initial stage, we anticipate offering the course in fall of odd years, beginning in fall of 2015; we anticipate eventually offering the course once each academic year through faculty rotation.

Students must also take an additional 12 credit hours (4 courses) from among the courses listed below, or other courses approved by the director of Jewish Studies on the basis of their content and the student's completion of an appropriate Jewish Studies project for the class. Student Semester Credit Hours (SSCH) for each class will count toward the instructor's home department.

JWST 3103 Introduction to Jewish Languages

JWST 4013 Contemporary Jewish Thought

JWST 4003 Modern Jewish Thought

ENGL 3843 Topics in Modern American Literature and Culture: Jewish-American Writing

MRST 3013 Special Topics in Medieval Studies: Representations of Jews in Medieval English Literature

GERM 4013 Germany and the Holocaust

GERM 470V Special Topics: German-Jewish Writers

HIST 4143 European Intellectual History

HIST 3473 Modern Palestine/Israel

HIST 3043 Modern Middle East

HIST 4493 Religion in America

GREK 2003 Plato/Greek New Testament

GREK 4093 Biblical and Patristic Greek

HUMN 425V Colloquium: The Land of Israel in Jewish Thought

HUMN 425V Colloquium: Jewish-Christian Relations

HUMN 425V Colloquium: Intensive Biblical Hebrew

Other courses with significant Jewish Studies-related content or project (for example Religious Studies courses, Middle East Studies courses, or appropriate literature or cinema courses), subject to approval by the chair of the Jewish Studies program, will also be considered.

Plans for Growth and Expansion

For the initial proposal, we are limiting the electives to those that have already been offered on campus by faculty in World Languages, History, Philosophy, Middle East Studies, and English. Between fall of 2014 and fall of 2016, we aim to expand in several ways. First, we anticipate training more faculty to teach JWST 2003, so that it can be offered each academic year. Second, we will seek to expand electives to include other courses that have either already been offered, or that are being developed; Dr. Nancy Arenberg (FREN), for example, is developing a Francophone Jewish Writers course. If our proposal is adopted, the JWST committee will send out an annual call to department chairs for interested faculty to submit courses for inclusion in the JWST minor. We moreover anticipate, if a JWST minor is established, collaborative work to offer special topics courses or humanities colloquia dealing with, for example, Gender and Jewish Studies, the Jewish Bible in the Middle Ages, Jews and the Civil Rights Movement, and Jews in the American South. Third, we aim to work with the Fulbright College Dean's Office to cultivate a connection between the U of A and the Schusterman foundation's Visiting Artist Program and Visiting Israeli Professors Program. These programs provide opportunities for departments of any discipline to host a visiting scholar or artist, allowing us to enhance our course offerings while cultivating outside resources.

Resources

We anticipate a need of \$5,000/semester to hire a lecturer in Philosophy, so that Professor Jacob Adler (PHIL) can teach JWST courses on load.

Additional Requirements

There are no additional requirements to participate in the minor.

Student Interest

"During the summer of 2013 I took "Introduction to Judaism". This class enlightened me in ways that I was able to take home to my family. As a non-degree seeking student (for life) I search for opportunities to bring a deeper understanding of our Jewishness to myself as well as my family and friends. Offering Jewish Studies at the U of A would be an excellent opportunity for me to continue on in my life long journey, in learning our Jewish customs and culture." Erica Fahn

"I have had the privilege of taking several Jewish Studies courses at U of A including Hebrew, Aramaic, Jewish Philosophy and Introduction to the Study of Judaism. A Jewish Studies minor will enable courses such as these to be taught in a systematic and unified way. Although it is too late for me to take advantage of such a program, I wish I had had the opportunity to do so. I enthusiastically recommend a Jewish Studies minor at U of A for advancing scholarship in Jewish culture and history. It is imperative to educate the next generation about the role of Judaism in this globalized multicultural world." Miriam Klinzing

"I just graduated in December 2013 with a B.A. in Jewish Studies and a minor in history. I recently applied to the University of Arkansas History graduate program and although I would not be eligible for an undergraduate minor, after taking several courses in Jewish studies, I strongly support the creation of a Jewish Studies program at the University of Arkansas. I feel a Jewish Studies program would be a great asset to the University of Arkansas because it would give students an opportunity to learn about the multifarious influences of Jewish history and culture on Western society. I can't begin to express how much the Jewish Studies courses I took expanded my understanding of the history and ethos of our great nation! Based on my experience, I can also say with great certainty that a Jewish Studies program would promote tolerance and compassion through education (e.g., Holocaust studies) which would offer indescribable benefits to students as well as to our greater society. I believe that Jewish Studies should be a vital component of Western education since in many ways it is the foundation of Western society. There are so many fascinating Jewish Studies courses that a wide variety of students would find interesting such as: Biblical studies, Jewish history, Holocaust studies, Jewish cultural studies, Hebrew language, political science studies, and much more! Jewish Studies would also be especially appealing for any student interested in understanding the roots of the three great Abrahamic religions. For anyone interested in a broader understanding of the origins of Western society, a Jewish Studies program is a must!" Glenda Dannenfelser

"I would LOVE to have a Jewish studies minor! The university offers many religious classes, but nothing quite like this. I know that I was disappointed to find no Hebrew classes at the university, but I think this minor would greatly help! Thank you for what you are doing."

Alexis Olson

"The many different Jewish Studies events that have taken place on campus over the last two years have been fantastic. They gave me a new perspective on history, art, and language as well as a new love for klezmer music!" James Russell

"I am a graduate student in the German program at the University of Arkansas. I also have a BA in German from the U of A. Within the German program I was very interested in Holocaust studies and Jewish studies. Some of the electives I took as an Undergraduate were Holocaust literature, and Jewish American literature. I also attended as many of the Beyond the Holocaust lectures, which Dr. Hoyer and other University professors organized, as possible. The turnout to those was fantastic and it was very nice meeting students from other fields with similar interests.

It is my understanding that many other classes are offered at the University that could constitute a Jewish studies minor. As an Undergraduate student I would have loved to have the option of minoring in Jewish studies. I think it would have been very beneficial for my studies then and now. It would be a wonderful opportunity for future students." Jessica Burk

"I graduated from the University of Arkansas with a double major in French and German. I wish that a Jewish Studies minor had been offered then. Many of the great Jewish writers of the 18th and 19th centuries were German Jews. Moreover, I study the Holocaust and even spent 10 days in Washington, D.C. at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum studying documents from the International Tracing Service. A Jewish Studies minor would have nicely complemented both of my majors, especially German. It would also have been invaluable as preparation for my Holocaust studies. Throughout the 19th century there were important debates about whether the Jews should assimilate entirely into their respective European communities or attempt to return to the Holy Land, debates that gained a certain urgency as the atmosphere in Europe became more ominous and their place in society more and more precarious. A Jewish Studies minor would have given me that background. Judaism is an intellectually rich tradition and I hope the university will consider offering students a Jewish Studies minor." Brian Kelley

"The Jewish studies minor would be a great opportunity for students as it would compliment and help nourish a better understanding for a number of already existing majors. I am very disappointed that I missed out on this wonderful opportunity during my time here at the U of A." Megan McGinnis

"I am currently pursuing a Masters Degree in German Literature. In my research pursuits, while an Undergraduate and now, I have focused on pursuing the importance of maintaining a multi-dimensional perspective in relation to Literature as well as the professional world. A Jewish Studies minor would have been a phenomenal option in reaching this goal when working on my dual Bachelors in International Relations and German. I certainly would have completed a minor in Jewish Studies, and I believe Students at the University of Arkansas would greatly benefit from being able to complete a minor in Jewish Studies." - Yvette Ortiz

"If the University of Arkansas had a Jewish Studies minor before I graduated, I would have stayed longer just to take those courses. I am interested in Jewish studies because it is such a broad area of study. Along with the Jewish experience in general, it would have been fantastic to have a Jewish studies program to learn about national identity, diaspora and genocide at the university level." Sydney Clegg

"I received word that you have proposed a Jewish Studies minor in the Fulbright College. I feel the inclusion of such a program at the University will be of tremendous academic benefit to the student body and will foster greater diversity. Jewish culture and history is a history of the the western world. There is no western culture as we know it without the Jewish narrative and all it entails. Geopolitics, history, philosophy, theology, morality, the arts, science and law all have been shaped and influence by the Jewish people. There is no question that a Jewish Studies program at the U of A will have very positive reverberations, and will greatly assist transforming the flagship. I wish you great success and am willing to help in any way I can." Moshe Admon

Other students who expressed interest include: Sheldon Gilker, Zoe Rom, Allie Arendt, Sydney Foggo, Jamie Seiter, Laura Quinonez, Michael Smith

SECTION VII: Catalog Text and Format

In the box below, insert the current catalog text which is to be changed, with changes highlighted with the color yellow. Include all proposed changes identified in Section V. Only changes explicitly stated in Section V will be considered for approval by the University Course and Programs Committee, the Graduate Council and the Faculty Senate. If you are proposing a new program, give proposed text with all of the elements listed below. If you are proposing modified text, include these elements as appropriate.

Include the following elements, in order, in the catalog text for proposed undergraduate program(s) or program changes:

- State complete major/program name
- Briefly define or describe the major/program or discipline.
- Identify typical career goals or paths for graduates. (Optional)
- State admission requirements (if any) for entry or entry into upper/advanced level of major/program.
- Identify location in catalog of university, college/school, and department/program requirements which the student must meet in addition to hours in the major, but do not restate these requirements.
- State course requirements in the major and any allied areas, giving number of hours and specific courses; specify electives or elective areas and give numbers of hours and courses in elective pools or categories; identify any other course requirements.
- State any other requirements (required GPA, internship, exit exam, project, thesis, etc.).
- Identify name and requirements for each concentration (if any).
- Specify whether a minor or other program component is allowed or required and provide details.
- State eight-semester plan requirements

For minors, state requirements in terms of hours, required courses, electives, etc.

For graduate program/units, include elements (as needed) parallel to those listed for undergraduate programs above.

For Law School program/units, prepare text consistent with current catalog style.

For centers, prepare text consistent with current catalog style.

Minor in Jewish Studies

The Jewish Studies minor introduces students to Jewish history, thought, and lifeways, through the millennia and around the globe. Students take courses introducing them to the basic tenets of Judaism, to fundamentals of Jewish languages (Aramaic, Biblical Hebrew, Modern Hebrew, and Yiddish), and to major strands in European, American, and Middle Eastern Jewish thought. Affiliated courses will cover Jewish literature; religious dialogue and history; current politics; ancient, medieval, early modern, and modern Jewish history; and discourse on gender, multiculturalism, and social justice. Jewish Studies offers a broad interdisciplinary context of coursework that can complement most programs of study.

Students who minor in Jewish Studies will take JWST 2003 Introduction to Judaism, a 3-credit hour introductory interdisciplinary course that lays out historical, religious, cultural, linguistic, and philosophical foundations and questions critical to any exploration of any branch of Jewish Studies. Students must take an additional 12 hours of elective coursework from among options listed below. Other courses with significant Jewish Studies-related content and the possibility for an additional Jewish Studies project (for example Religious Studies courses, Middle East Studies courses, or appropriate literature or cinema courses), subject to approval by the chair of the Jewish Studies program, will also be considered.

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SECTION VIII: Action Recorded by Registrar's Office

PROGRAM INVENTORY/DARS

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