Jewish studies offers the opportunity to explore Jewish history, religion, and cultures. Because of the geographic, ethnic, racial, and cultural diversity of the Jewish people, as well as the long timeline of Jewish history, Jewish studies provides students with rich possibilities for cross-cultural and comparative study. Jewish studies is an interdisciplinary program embracing history, music, literature, political science, international affairs, sociology, gender studies, religion, philosophy, Hebrew, and more. The program also explores the evolving interactions between Judaism and other religions and offers exciting courses in both Israel studies and the history and cultures of Diaspora Jewish communities around the world. A wide range of elective courses is available through the relevant departments.

The Jewish studies program offers both a minor and a preapproved template for a combined major. A unique feature of the minor is the Jewish studies module, in which students create an original project that brings an aspect of Jewish studies together with an aspect of their major field.

Jewish studies classes seek to help students develop a more critical and analytical understanding of the religious and secular world around them. They are designed to prepare students for any field that requires critical thinking and cross-cultural understanding, including careers in education, social services, politics, museums and archives, and Jewish communal organizations, as well as for graduate and professional studies.

Study abroad, either through the Dialogues of Civilization program in Israel, Germany, and/or Poland, or through traditional study-abroad programs, is a significant aspect of Jewish studies. Experiential learning in the Jewish studies program includes these study-abroad opportunities, as well as internships or co-ops at Jewish organizations. The Ruderman merit-based scholarship supports selected Jewish studies majors and minors; the Gideon Klein award supports a student in research on music and the Holocaust.

For more information, visit the department website (http://www.northeastern.edu/jewishstudies/).

**Academic Progression Standards**

Same as university-wide standards described under "Academic Status (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/progression-standards/#status)."

**Programs**

**Bachelor of Arts**

- Jewish Studies and Religion (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/jewish-studies/jewish-studies-religion-ba/)

**Minor**

- Jewish Studies (http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/jewish-studies/jewish-studies-minor/)