

Why Study Jewish Studies at UMD?

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND'S JEWISH STUDIES DEGREE combines a liberal arts education with practical career skills that last a lifetime. You'll examine Jewish history, literature, culture, language and religion at one of the largest and most respected Jewish studies programs in the country. The interdisciplinary nature of Jewish studies exposes you to many aspects of the humanities and social sciences. You'll analyze texts, read critically and argue persuasively in speech and in writing—qualities crucial for any career or advanced academic work. Our graduates go on to work in various fields, including business, education, government, law, medicine, journalism and social work.

JEWISH STUDIES CURRICULUM

The newly streamlined undergraduate major provides a broad understanding of the Jewish experience and an in-depth analysis of its culture and history. The Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Studies offers merit scholarships and support for students studying abroad, especially in Israel. It sponsors conferences, seminars and lectures, and engages students in intellectual inquiry. Students work closely with faculty, participate in internships and attend events. Students attain proficiency in Hebrew to complete the major. Many Jewish studies majors often double major, combining their studies with business, government and politics, history, psychology and more.

SAMPLE COURSE TITLES

- ▶ Why the Jews? Historical and Cultural Investigations
- ▶ Jerusalem in Antiquity: The History of Sacred Space in a Holy City
- ▶ The Israel-Palestinian Conflict: Fundamental Questions

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JEWISH STUDIES DEGREES IN ACTION

92% of recent ARHU graduates are either working full time, interning or pursuing graduate studies.* Here's where some of our Jewish studies graduates are working or studying:

- ▶ Fulbright Program, English Teaching Assistant
- ▶ Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine, Research Assistant
- ▶ The Lab School of Washington, Speech Language Pathology Assistant
- ▶ George Washington University, Physical Therapy
- ▶ University of Maryland, Special Education
- ▶ Yeshiva University and Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Semicha
- ▶ Salanter Akiba Riverdale Academy and SAR High School, Teaching Fellow

*Placement rate is based on the May 2019 university graduation survey



TAMMY BRONSTEIN '15, JEWISH STUDIES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION Graduate Student, University of Maryland College of Education

"My Jewish studies education encourages me to think critically about how Jewish history and texts shape the everyday lives of the Jewish people. As a graduate student in special education, this awareness inspires me to consider how my students' backgrounds shape who they are and helps me incorporate cultural awareness in an inclusive classroom."

TIPS FOR CAREER SUCCESS

It's never too early to start planning for your career after graduation. Make an appointment to talk with the University Career Center @ARHU. We'll work with you to assess your skills, values and interests and use them to find opportunities that meet your goals. Academic and career advisors will help you incorporate internships, living-learning programs, global experiences, research and more into your academic plan. Research shows that having one or more internships increases your ability to land a full-time position after graduation. Learn more at careers.umd.edu.

BE WORLDWISE. GET WORLDREADY. CAREER INITIATIVE

The "Be Worldwide. Get Worldready." initiative prepares students to adapt and thrive in the workplace and shapes the kind of global citizens they can become. It creatively integrates career development in the ARHU academic experience by offering strategic career preparation and academic advising; engages faculty to develop new and reimagined courses, majors and minors; and provides opportunities to apply scholarship to practice. Students learn to communicate the real-world value of their arts and humanities degree through this initiative.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
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ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF ARTS & HUMANITIES (ARHU)

ARHU is home to 14 departments and 79 bachelor's degrees, minors and certificate programs, so you can tailor your degree (or double major) across various fields of study, including performing and visual arts, languages, literatures and cultures. With an 8 to 1 student to faculty ratio, ARHU offers you the benefits of a tight-knit community with access to the resources of a large, public research institution near the nation's capital.



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