Minoring in Jewish Studies

In the works for Fall of 2017

Overview

Jewish Studies is the study of the history, culture and religion of Jewish people, past and present, across the globe. The minor in Jewish Studies brings together faculty from a variety of academic disciplines who work closely with students to study and analyze topics related to Jews and Judaism in a variety of social and political contexts. Students may opt to study the Hebrew language to complement their understanding of Jewish history and culture. A minor in Jewish Studies provides a foundation to thrive in a variety of majors and/or Pathways. Students completing a minor in Jewish Studies will gain an overarching understanding of Jewish thought, customs and traditions, become familiar with different disciplinary approaches and interpretive frameworks, develop close reading skills through engagement with core Jewish texts, and refine their ability to express themselves in writing.

Special Opportunities

The Jewish Studies minor can be combined with any major. There are no specific language requirements for Jewish Studies, however you can take one Hebrew course for credit toward the fulfillment of the minor. With the approval of the program director, courses completed at other institutions and study away courses may be counted toward the minor requirements.

About Connecticut College

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Faculty You Might Work With

Geoffrey Atherton, Associate Professor of German Studies; Chair of the German Studies Department  
B.A., University of King's College, Canada; M.A., Dalhousie University; Ph.D., Harvard University  
Literature and culture of the 18th century Germany; modernism; city of Berlin and memory

Marc Forster, Henry B. Plant Professor of History; Director of the Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts; College Marshal  
B.A. Swarthmore College; M.A., Ph.D., Harvard University  
Early modern Germany; German Catholicism; popular religion and popular culture; rural society

Laura Little, Foreign Language Fellow Coordinator; Adjunct Instructor of Slavic Studies

Karolin Machtans, Assistant Professor of German Studies  
M.A., Ph.D., University of Hamburg  
Holocaust studies; literary theory; German-Turkish relations; 20th and 21st century German literature and film

Spencer Pack, Professor of Economics  
B.A., Franconia College; M.A., University of Toronto; Ph.D., University of New Hampshire  
Libertarian and anarchist economic thought; contemporary economic issues; Marxist economics

David Patton, Joanne Toor Cummings '50 Professor of Government and International Relations  
B.A., Swarthmore College; M.A., Ph.D., Cornell University  
Comparative politics; European politics; European Union; Federal Republic of Germany

Frederick S. Paxton, Brigida Pacchiani Ardenghi Professor of History  
B.A., Michigan State University; M.A., University of Washington; Ph.D., University of California at Berkeley  
Medieval Europe; big history; the Middle Ages in big historical perspective

Andrew Pessin, Professor of Philosophy  
B.A., Yale University; M.A., Ph.D., Columbia University  
Early modern philosophy; metaphysics; philosophy of the mind; philosophy of religion

Darryl Phillips, Associate Professor of Classics; Chair of the Classics Department  
A.B., Stanford University; Ph.D., Duke University  
Ancient Greek and Roman history; Latin literature of the late Republic and Augustan age; Roman topography

Sharon J. Portnoff, Elie Wiesel Professor of Judaic Studies  
B.A., St. John's College (Annapolis); M.Ed., Harvard University; M.A., Ph.D., Jewish Theological Seminary  
Modern Jewish thought; Holocaust theology; Dante; Israel

Julie Rivkin, Professor of English; Chair of the Gender and Women's Studies Department  
B.A., Ph.D., Yale University  
American literature; gender studies and contemporary literature; literary theory

Ariella R. Rotramel, Vandana Shiva Assistant Professor of Gender and Women's Studies  
B.A., University of Illinois at Chicago; Ph.D., Rutgers University  
Gender and women's studies; queer and sexuality studies; social movements; ethnic studies; gender and work

Susanne Weissman, Adjunct Instructor of Religious Studies

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