About Us

The UNT Jewish and Israel Studies Program is the only one at a public university in the DFW area and one of only eight such programs in the U.S. UNT is the largest university in the North Texas region with 36,000 students, and has more Jewish students than all other DFW universities combined. The program includes 47 courses (13 on the State of Israel) on Jews and Judaism across nine of UNT’s colleges, 26 faculty, and 7 scholarship programs. JIS offers a minor in Jewish Studies (18 hours) and a certificate (12 hours) and houses an extensive library with over 2,000 books and 300 films.

Mission

- Educate students, faculty, and the DFW community about Judaism and the history of Jews and Israel.
- Promote Jewish and Israel studies in the North Texas region.
- Foster ties between UNT and Jewish institutions in the DFW area, throughout the United States, and in Israel.
- Increase original scholarship by students and faculty on Jewish and Israel subjects.

We draw on the expertise of faculty members from a variety of academic disciplines, including:

- English
- History
- Journalism
- Music History, Theory, and Ethnomusicology
- Philosophy and Religion
- Political Science
- Radio, Television, and Film
- Sociology
- Dance and Theatre Arts

Courses are offered on a rotating basis at UNT. Students will have the opportunity to choose from such classes as:

- The Jewish Graphic Novel
- Literature and the Holocaust
- Kabbalah: Jewish Mysticism, Myth, and Magic
- Sex in the Bible
- Government and Politics of Israel
- Israeli Cinema
- The Peoples of Israel: Identity and Diversity
- Jewish Women in Modern America

Certificate

The Certificate in Jewish and Israel Studies requires 12 hours of JISP courses approved in advance by JISP director Dr. Richard Golden. At least nine hours must be upper-division 3000- and 4000-level courses. Students may choose courses from all Jewish and Israel Studies course offerings. Three hours of internship credit can be accepted after approval by the director. Certificates are open to degree-seeking as well as non-degree-seeking students (such as adult learners from the DFW community).
Scholarships

- Schultz Family Scholarships
- Watt Family Endowment Scholarships
- Howard H. Schultz Scholarships
- Jay and Kathy Wolens Jewish Studies Scholarships in Memory of Max and Florence Wolens
- Wisch Family Scholarships
- Lou E. and Evelyn Pelton Jewish Studies Scholarships in Memory of Samuel Pelton
- Scholarships for study in Israel

For details, see jewishstudies.unt.edu/scholarships.

Events

The Jewish and Israel Studies Program hosts public lectures by a number of speakers each year. For more information on our upcoming events, visit us online at jewishstudies.unt.edu.

The program also liaises with organizations such as North Texas Hillel, AEPI fraternity, and the Jewish Faculty Association.

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