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Multidisciplinary BA in Jewish Studies

Bar-Ilan University's International School and the Multidisciplinary Department of Jewish Studies offer a Bachelor of Arts degree with a difference.

Our Multidisciplinary BA in Jewish Studies opens up a rich world of study, scholarship, and community found nowhere else. Courses are offered in English with an option to take some in Hebrew.



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Overview

Jewish Studies encompass a diverse range of disciplines including Jewish history from ancient to modern times; Jewish literature and linguistics; Judaism; Jewish theology, philosophy, and mysticism; Bible and biblical interpretation; Holocaust studies; Israel studies; the arts; archaeology; sociology; and more.

Despite this incredible variety of areas, most undergraduate programs are limited to specific departments and one or two majors. Students rarely have the chance to delve deeply into their interests through the lenses of different disciplines – but at BIU, now they do.



Why the Multidisciplinary BA in Jewish Studies at BIU?

BIU's Faculty of Jewish Studies is the largest of its kind in the academic world. It offers about 1,500 courses and programs taught by 300 faculty members, and it is divided into 10 departments, a School for Basic Jewish Studies, and 16 research institutes and centers.

All these facilities are open to students of the Multidisciplinary Department, uniquely allowing students to create their own individualized curricula which best reflect their interests within the field of Jewish Studies.

Students will therefore be able to benefit from a unique and diverse degree program unrivalled at any other international institution.

Internationally Recognized Faculty

BIU's Faculty of Jewish Studies is honored to host the best academic scholars in the Jewish Studies world. Students in the Multidisciplinary Department have their pick of courses in various departments, where they study closely with top experts in each field.

Prof. Yigal Levin is the head of the Multidisciplinary Department of Jewish Studies. He has been a part

of Bar-Ilan University since his student days, when he obtained his undergraduate degree in Land of Israel Studies and History. He went on to graduate with a PhD in this field and has been at the university ever since. Prof. Levin's academic home is the Department of Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry, where he teaches classes on the history of the biblical period. He has also taught in the United States and at various Israeli institutions.

Dr. Tova Ganzel oversees the Cramim Jewish Studies Honors Program (in Hebrew) and works with Prof. Levin in managing the Multidisciplinary BA. Her academic focus is mainly on the Bible in the context of the ancient Near Eastern world. Her recent research focuses on prophetic literature, ancient Near Eastern temples, and Second Temple Period texts. In addition, Dr. Ganzel occasionally publishes on Jewish reception of biblical criticism from the 18th century to the present and on women as *halakhic* professionals.

The Degree Program

The Multidisciplinary BA program offers four main concentrations in which students have a choice of introductory and advanced-level courses. These are Bible, Jewish History, Jewish Philosophy, and Land of Israel Studies and Archaeology.

Students may register for a dual-major, combining their program with English Literature, Linguistics or Communications (also in English) or with any other undergraduate program given in Hebrew (for those with the appropriate level of Hebrew). They may also register for Multidisciplinary Jewish Studies as an expanded single major.

Is Our Program Right for You?

This BA is perfect for students who are interested in a wide range of subjects within the field of Jewish Studies, but don't want to be limited to one area and would like to explore questions from all relevant angles.

If, for example, you are interested in the development of the synagogue, you can study the architectural aspects in the Archaeology Department, the liturgical aspects in the Talmud Department, the philosophical aspects in the Jewish Philosophy Department, and the historical aspects in the Department of Jewish History.

Pick any other topic in the field of Jewish Studies and imagine being able to study it at length and in depth with the finest scholars, students, and academic resources at your fingertips. If that's the experience you want, the Multidisciplinary BA is right for you.