Jewish Studies

ABOUT JEWISH STUDIES

Jewish Studies equips you with an understanding of Jewish civilisation in its many aspects – language and literature, history, theology, philosophy, rabbinics, law, politics and sociology. Jewish Studies is taught by the Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation, an interdisciplinary centre within the Faculty of Arts whose mission is to research and teach the significance and evolution of Jewish culture and its contributions to the world.

Why choose Jewish Studies

The Australian Centre for Jewish Civilization is known for its global internships and overseas study trips to Israel, Europe and Rwanda. Units are accredited across disciplines such as History, Religion, and International Studies and focus on three areas: Judaism and Interreligious Relations; Israel and the Middle East; the Holocaust and Genocide.

Complementary areas of study

The Faculty of Arts offers a range of study areas that complement Jewish Studies including:

» Holocaust and Genocide Studies
» History
» Religion and Theology
» International Studies

What are some topics Jewish Studies covers?

First-year units in Jewish Studies provide students with an understanding of the foundations of Jewish history, which are followed by more specialised units across a diverse range of disciplines. First year units will cover:

» Conflict and coexistence in the Ancient, Medieval and Modern World: Jews, Christians, Muslims

Depending on your interests your second and third year specialised units may consist of:

» Biblical texts and contexts
» The Holocaust
» Genocide
» Arab-Israeli conflict
» Modern Israel
» The Modern Middle East
» Final Journey: Remembering the Holocaust
» Imagining God

How Jewish Studies fits into your Arts degree

You can take Jewish Studies as a minor or as elective units in your degree.

Career prospects

Common destinations where our graduates find employment include:

» Humanitarian organisations
» Education
» Law and justice
» Museum and memorial conservation
» Government
» Media
» Research

From our students

“After three months of working in the offices of the Anne Frank House situated above the incredible and iconic Amsterdam museum, I have had the opportunity to explore and learn in an unprecedentedly inspiring environment. My roles so far have included the editing and updating of the Anne Frank Guide, a digital learning tool for students, as well as assisting with the logistics of the new Anne Frank travelling exhibition which launched in Australia this February. I will be continuing my work here until July this year, with the hope of leaving a trail-blazing legacy in the ongoing partnership between the Anne Frank House and Monash University.”

Taylor Gilchrist
ACJC Intern at Anne Frank House in Amsterdam

For more information:
future.arts.monash.edu/ug-jewish-studies

Location:
Caulfield and Clayton

Available as:
Minor, or as elective units

AREAS OF STUDY