

# What you can do with your **JEWISH STUDIES MAJOR**



## Jewish Studies Major Skills:



### Written & Spoken Language Proficiency

You learn to read, write, understand and converse in Hebrew and other Jewish languages.



### Critical Reading & Analytical Thinking

You read Jewish texts closely to write original, coherent and compelling arguments that push beyond summary to analysis.



### Cultural Competence

You develop a knowledge of Jewish civilization, culture and society in both the past and the present.



### Research

Your development, pursuit and presentation of original research culminates in a substantive academic paper that utilized and cites appropriate sources.



### Global Perspective

You cultivate an appreciation for diverse worldviews and value systems, including an understanding of interactions between Jews and non-Jews within the context of minority-majority relationships in Wisconsin, in the United States, and across the globe.

## Supplement Your Skills With:



Study or Internships  
Abroad



Career Advising &  
Exploration



Internships &  
Part-Time Positions



Opportunities to Foster  
Professional Equity & Inclusion

## Chart Your Path Forward

### Activate Your Handshake Account

for connections to jobs,  
internships, employer &  
alumni networking.

### Explore Career Communities

to discover a wide variety of  
fields where you can turn your  
major into success.

### Get Career & Internship Advising

from SuccessWorks to make a  
plan, whether you're a first-year  
student or about to graduate.

**Get Started: [successworks.wisc.edu](https://successworks.wisc.edu)**

# Put your Jewish Studies major to **WORK**

## Job Titles of Alumni:

- Administrative Assistant
- Artist
- Attorney
- CEO
- Certified Nurse's Aide
- Community Relations Coordinator
- Editor
- Employee Relations Specialist
- Engagement Director
- Human Resources Generalist
- Interior Design Consultant
- Manager
- Rabbi
- School Principal
- Teacher

## Employers of Alumni

- Aurora Health Care
- Chicago Jewish Day School
- Coalition to Stop Gun Violence
- Danville Baseball Club, LLC
- Federal Judiciary
- Herzl Camp
- Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy
- Lost Tribe Esports
- Neustar, Inc.
- Union for Reform Judaism
- B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO)
- Human Rights Watch
- Tenement Museum
- United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)

## Recent Grads' Career Plans

**2016-2021:**

- 63%** Employment
- 37%** Continuing Education or Grad School

## Industry of Employment:

- Education
- Religious Services
- Healthcare
- Information Technology
- Legal
- Arts & Entertainment
- Hospitality
- Non-Profit
- Public Service
- Real Estate

## Where Alumni Live & Work:

- 22%** Wisconsin →
- 13%** Illinois →
- 9%** California →
- 9%** Washington, DC →
- 9%** New York →
- 39%** Other →



"In each course, I learned about topics and issues that not only inform my work as a professional but also my own American Jewish experience. Jewish Studies faculty take the time to design syllabi that are engaging and thought provoking. I'm grateful to still be in touch with professors who were so instrumental in my personal and academic development."

**Hilary Miller, 2019**  
Researcher, United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF).  
Washington, D.C



"I've used the cultural literacy skills that I learned to help me navigate different roles with sensitivity in a multi-cultural workplace. My studies helped me develop the skills and experiences that have allowed me to engage in conversations supporting collaboration to build and strengthen the community that I work in."

**Carly Barak, 2018**  
Project Manager, Illumina  
Madison, WI

## Career Communities for Jewish Studies Majors

SuccessWorks has eight Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where Jewish Studies majors can start.

Not inspired by these options? Visit SuccessWorks to explore more widely.

- **Government, Policy, International Affairs & Law**
- **Non-Profit Management & Education**
- **Communications, Entertainment & the Arts**
- **Tech, Data & Analytics**

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