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MEMORANDUM

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Date: April 8, 2015

To: Clifford Brown,  
Chair, College Undergraduate Programs Committee

From: Myriam S. Ruthenberg, Director of Undergraduate Studies

Cc: Kristen Lindbeck, Director of Jewish Studies  
Marcella Munson, Chair.

Re: Program changes for Jewish Studies and resulting catalogue revisions.

Pending approval from the Departments of History, English, and Political Science, the Program in Jewish Studies hereby requests the catalogue changes outlined below and highlighted in the attachment. This is the reasoning: Currently Jewish Studies can offer some courses which count toward the major only every two years. With the new flight plans in place and the need to graduate students on time, it will be easier for students to complete their course of study in a timely fashion if given more choices. Jewish Studies therefore proposes the addition of existing courses to the list of electives to count toward the major in order to facilitate degree completion and timely graduation (syllabi included). The quality of the program will not be compromised.

The proposed changes are the addition of the following courses under the following categories:

1. The following 2 courses are to be added to the Content course category under "Religion:"  
**The Bible as Literature: New Testament (LIT 3374) 3 credits**  
**Dead Sea Scrolls (JST 4441) 3 credits**
2. The following 3 courses are to be added to the Content course category under "Politics and Social Issues:"  
**Comparative Politics: Middle East (CPO 4403) 3 credits;**  
**Women and Judaism (JST 4510) 3 credits**  
**The Modern Middle East (ASH 3221) 3 credits**
3. This course is to be added to the Content Course category under "History:"  
**Medieval Jewish History (JST 4430) 3 credits**
4. This course is to be added to the Content course category under "Arts and Culture:"  
**Jewish Literature through the Centuries (JST 3102) 3 credits**

Please note that all these courses are currently listed and described in the course catalogue.  
Thank you.

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| <b>Approved by:</b> <u>Willie for KHL</u><br><b>Department/Program Chair:</b> <u>Kristen H. Lindbeck</u><br><b>College Curriculum Chair:</b> <u>[Signature]</u><br><b>College Dean:</b> <u>Heather Coltrane</u><br><b>UUPC Chair:</b> <u>J E Ily</u><br><b>Undergraduate Studies Dean:</b> <u>[Signature]</u><br><b>UFS President:</b> _____<br><b>Provost:</b> _____ | <b>Date:</b><br><u>4/8/15</u><br><u>4/15/15</u><br><u>4-15-15</u><br><u>4/24/15</u><br><u>5/8/15</u><br>_____<br>_____<br>_____ |
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Lindbeck, K., Director; Berger, A., Raddock Eminent Scholar for Holocaust Studies; Greenspahn, F., Gimelstob Eminent Scholar Chair in Judaica; Sanua, M.

## Bachelor of Arts Degree

(Minimum of 120 credits required)

The Bachelor of Arts in Jewish Studies at Florida Atlantic University is open to all students wishing to study various forms of Jewish culture throughout the centuries. It may be especially useful for:

1. Those thinking about vocational opportunities in Jewish communal and educational organizations (community centers, family service bureaus, federations, camp administration; teaching in Hebrew or day schools).
2. Students contemplating careers as rabbis or cantors.
3. Students considering academic careers in Judaic Studies.
4. Those wishing to pursue graduate study in any aspect of Western civilization and/or culture.

### Prerequisite Coursework for Transfer Students

Students transferring to Florida Atlantic University must complete both lower-division requirements (including the requirements of the Intellectual Foundations Program) and requirements for the College and major. Lower-division requirements may be completed through the A.A. degree from any Florida public college, university or community college or through equivalent coursework at another regionally accredited institution. Before transferring and to ensure timely progress toward the baccalaureate degree, students must also complete the prerequisite courses for their major as outlined in the [Transfer Student Manual](#).

All courses not approved by the Florida Statewide Course Numbering System that will be used to satisfy requirements will be evaluated individually on the basis of content and will require a catalog course description and a copy of the syllabus for assessment.

### Requirements

In addition to requirements of the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters and the University, the student pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Jewish Studies must take 14 credits in required core courses. The student must also take 21 credits of upper-division content courses. The total required credits for the major is 35.

| <b>Core Courses (14 credits)</b>                                                                                                                            |          |   |
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| <i>Select two courses from the following list (8 credits)</i>                                                                                               |          |   |
| Intermediate Hebrew Language and Culture 1                                                                                                                  | HBR 2220 | 4 |
| Intermediate Hebrew Language and Culture 2                                                                                                                  | HBR 2221 | 4 |
| Readings in Intermediate Hebrew                                                                                                                             | HBR 2240 | 4 |
| Directed Independent Study                                                                                                                                  | HBR 4905 | 4 |
| Special Topics                                                                                                                                              | HBR 4930 | 4 |
| <i>Take the following two courses (6 credits)</i>                                                                                                           |          |   |
| Classical Jewish Civilization                                                                                                                               | JST 3403 | 3 |
| Modern Jewish Civilization                                                                                                                                  | JST 3404 | 3 |
| <b>Content Courses (21 credits)</b>                                                                                                                         |          |   |
| The content courses are chosen from at least two of the following four categories: history, the arts and culture, politics and social issues, and religion. |          |   |
| <b>Content Course Categories</b>                                                                                                                            |          |   |
| <b>History</b>                                                                                                                                              |          |   |
| American-Jewish History, 1492-1990                                                                                                                          | JST 4415 | 3 |
| Ancient Israel                                                                                                                                              | JST 4424 | 3 |
| History of American Immigration and Ethnicity                                                                                                               | AMH 3530 | 3 |
| History of Zionism and the State of Israel, 1880-1990                                                                                                       | JST 4425 | 3 |

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| Hitler and Nazi Germany                                    | EUH 4465 | 3 |
| The Holocaust                                              | JST 4701 | 3 |
| The Jews of Spain and the Middle East                      | JST 4417 | 3 |
| Medieval Jewish History                                    | JST 4430 | 3 |
| <b>The Arts and Culture</b>                                |          |   |
| Jewish-American Literature                                 | AML 4663 | 3 |
| Jewish Literature Through the centuries                    | JST 3102 | 3 |
| <b>Politics and Social Issues</b>                          |          |   |
| Religions and World Politics                               | CPO 3761 | 3 |
| Comparative Politics: Middle East                          | CPO 4403 | 3 |
| Women & Judaism                                            | JST 4510 | 3 |
| The Modern Middle East                                     | ASH 3221 | 3 |
| <b>Religion</b>                                            |          |   |
| Image of Woman in the Bible                                | REL 4218 | 3 |
| The Bible as Lit: New Testament                            | LIT 3374 | 3 |
| Dead Sea Scrolls                                           | JST 4441 | 3 |
| Jewish Wisdom: An Introduction to Classical Jewish Thought | JST 3513 | 3 |
| Religion in America                                        | AMH 4620 | 3 |
| Old Testament                                              | REL 3213 | 3 |
| Special Topics                                             | JST 4930 | 3 |