

## Requirements

- An avid interest in the multifaceted history and culture of Judaism from antiquity to the present age
- Eagerness to study the religion, history, philosophy, art, and literature of Judaism in greater depth
- Desire to develop and implement your own academic or practice-oriented projects
- Bachelor's degree in Jewish Studies, Jewish History or a comparable subject
- Certificate of two foreign languages as well as the Hebraicum (should the Hebraicum not already be attained, a willingness to acquire it within the first year of study)

## Application and Enrollment

Courses start in the winter- as well as in the summer semesters.

Your application documents should include:

- Letter of motivation (1 page)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Certificate of bachelor degree

Further information on the process of application can be found here:

[www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/application-enrollment](http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/application-enrollment)

## Further Information

For more detailed information on the course, go to:

[www.uni-potsdam.de/en/jjs-rw](http://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/jjs-rw)

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Universität Potsdam



**JEWISH STUDIES**

Master of Arts

## Program Content and Objectives

At the center of our research-oriented, interdisciplinary master program is the more than 3000-year-old history of religion and culture of the Jews up to the present age. Students are invited to discover and explore the vital connections and interactions between the realms of religion, philosophy, literature, music, and art. An integral part of the program is the study of the languages fundamental to the analysis of Jewish religious and cultural history: Aramaic, Yiddish, and most importantly, Hebrew. Further areas of focus include Jewish-Christian and Jewish-Muslim relationships, Ashkenazi and Sephardic perspectives, as well as the history and development of the State of Israel. Within our program, students will obtain a broad array of cultural and media qualifications, together with a comprehensive knowledge of the vast field of Jewish cultural history and all its interrelations with non-Jewish cultures in Europe and beyond.

## Study and Research Environment

The different disciplines represented at our department include Jewish Studies, Religious Studies, Philosophy, History, Literature and Cultural Studies, all of which contribute their specific perspectives to the research and teaching of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, and their history and culture. In addition, we cooperate closely with the School of Jewish Theology at the University of Potsdam, with the Moses Mendelssohn Center in Potsdam, with the Center for Jewish Studies Berlin-Brandenburg and with the Jewish Museum Berlin.



## Studying Abroad

We strongly recommend a stay abroad for at least one semester at one of our partner universities.

## Future Career Options

As specialists in the area of Jewish Studies, an academic career in universities or other academic institutions is open to our alumni. Furthermore, our alumni can pursue a broad array of careers in fields such as journalism, in the cultural and educational sectors in museums, archives and publishing houses, as well as in foundations and organizations.

## Program Structure and Curriculum

The standard period of study is four semesters, with the completion of the M.A. thesis in the last semester. In total, you will have to generate 120 ECTS points in the following modules:

<b>Compulsory modules</b>
Teachings of Judaism with a Focus on Religion
Teachings of Judaism with a Focus on Philosophy and Intellectual History
<b>Elective subjects (you have to choose three)</b>
Jewish Ways of Life
Modern Jewish History
Jewish Literature, Art, and Music
Judaism, Christianity and Islam in Comparison
<b>Languages</b>
Hebrew or
Modern Hebrew or
Aramaic or
Yiddish
<b>Academic praxis</b>
<b>Master thesis</b>