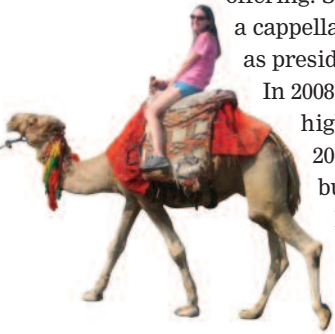


student profiles

YELENA ALEKSANDROVICH, '09 made the most of her time at UNC Chapel Hill, creating both academic and social opportunities that support her long-term career plans. During a Birthright trip in 2006, Aleksandrovich decided to do more to reconnect with her Jewish heritage. She returned to campus and decided to learn more Hebrew, ultimately taking the full six-course language offering. She also formed the Jewish a cappella group, Sababa, and served as president of the Jewish sorority.

In 2008, she interned at a start-up high-tech firm in Israel and in 2009, after graduating with a business major and Modern Hebrew minor, she started her career in International Business as a consultant at a Washington, D.C. firm.



DIANA GERGEL, '09 is one of those people who make everyone else look like they're standing still. Her campus involvement included leadership positions with Student Government's Academic Affairs Committee, the Office of Undergraduate Research, and Hillel. She also served for two years as the student representative on the Advisory Board for the Center for Jewish Studies. Her busy schedule did not slow one bit during summer breaks. In 2007, she headed off to Washington, D.C. to intern at the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies. The following summer, she traveled to South Africa to continue a multi-year undergraduate research project. The History and Political Science major and Modern Hebrew minor graduated in 2009 and now works in Africa.



Carolina's interdisciplinary Jewish studies courses have been outstanding. I feel so privileged to have had such incredible intellectual opportunities at Carolina."

Diana Gergel

learning opportunities

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The Jewish Studies program offers courses in departments across the humanities and social sciences. More than 1,000 Carolina students enroll in Jewish Studies courses each year, taught by 13 faculty members. Students can typically choose from more than 30 different courses each academic year.

MINOR

The Minor in Jewish Studies provides students with an overview of the beliefs, culture, history and religion of Judaism and the Jewish peoples, from ancient times to the present. The Minor in Hebrew, which focuses specifically on the Modern Hebrew Language, appeals to students with a wide range of majors who desire a more in depth command of the Hebrew language.

LANGUAGES

Students can study both Modern and Biblical Hebrew, using either to fulfill the language requirement.

STUDY ABROAD

Carolina students can choose from a number of unique study abroad programs. Whether studying in the Czech Republic or helping with an archaeological excavation in Israel, students can further their educational and cultural experiences by pursuing Jewish Studies overseas.

EVENTS

Jewish Studies' students have many opportunities throughout the year to attend public lectures, lunchtime seminars, and other events covering a wide range of subjects and led by international experts.

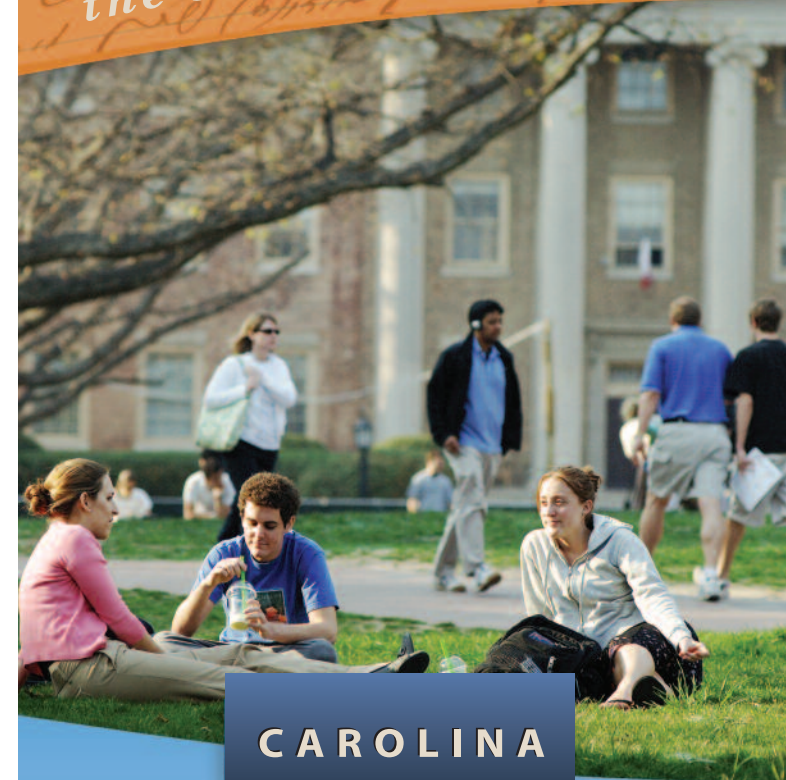
STUDENT LIFE

Jewish Studies' students have an active Hillel on campus, offering both social and religious activities.

PLAN A VISIT

High school students and prospective graduate students visiting UNC Chapel Hill who would also like to visit the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies should call for an appointment: 919-962-1509.

the student experience



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“In its first five years, the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies has grown from a great idea to an exciting interdisciplinary hub of teaching, research and public activities.”

Holden Thorp
Chancellor



“Through the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies our students and the community have exceptional opportunities to learn about Jewish history and culture from leading scholars.”

Karen M. Gil
Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences



“Faculty members teaching at Carolina are privileged to work with such wonderful undergraduates. The Center’s faculty is committed to developing exciting new courses that appeal to our students and to eventually expanding the program to offer a B.A. in Jewish Studies.”

Jonathan M. Hess
Director, Carolina Center for Jewish Studies



Thank you for your interest in Jewish Studies at Carolina.

The Carolina Center for Jewish Studies, an interdisciplinary academic program in the College of Arts and Sciences, provides Carolina students with diverse course offerings and extracurricular learning opportunities that help promote a deeper understanding of Jewish history, culture and thought.

The Jewish Studies program offers two academic minors—Jewish Studies and Modern Hebrew—that continually attract a diverse group of Carolina undergraduates. Two language offerings—Modern and Biblical Hebrew—help students meet their language sequence requirements. Jewish Studies is open to all students—there is no need for a background in Judaism or Jewish study to pursue the minor or take individual courses.

Student interest in the Center’s course offerings has steadily increased, and now more than 1,000 Carolina students enroll in Jewish Studies classes each year. To meet this growing demand, the Center has doubled its faculty in just five years and has faculty members based in seven different academic departments across the humanities and social sciences. As a result, the new faculty members continually add more courses for undergraduates.

Students also have the opportunity to pursue Jewish Studies through study abroad programs in several countries, including Israel and the Czech Republic, and many students have participated in archaeological excavations in Israel.

Each year, the Center hosts free, public lectures, academic seminars and other special events that introduce students to an array of international experts. The Center also co-sponsors programs with other Carolina departments, Duke University, and community organizations to further enrich the student experience.

The Center’s global focus and comprehensive scope of study, coupled with Carolina’s national reputation as a student-focused research university, make the program truly unique among its peers. Looking ahead, the Center plans to further develop its undergraduate program to include an academic major. Future plans promise to establish Carolina as the leading institution for Jewish Studies in the American south and as a prominent source of research with an international reputation.

“Jewish Studies is a huge part of my undergraduate experience. I’ve found it’s a vibrant culture, giving me the opportunity to explore both history and current events. I would recommend Jewish Studies courses to any student. Just check it out, you’ll be amazed.”

Josh Thompson
Class of 2010

