



JEWISH STUDIES

Bring inclusiveness & empathy to the
forefront of prestigious academic learning



Huron
AT WESTERN

DISCOVER & SHARE THE RICHNESS OF THE JEWISH STORY

THE CULTURE AND HISTORY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE EXTENDS ACROSS MORE THAN THREE MILLENNIA, FROM BIBLICAL TIMES TO THE PRESENT, AND SPANS MOST OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING CENTRAL ASIA, THE MIDDLE EAST, NORTH AFRICA, RUSSIA, EASTERN AND WESTERN EUROPE, AND NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA.

A degree in Jewish Studies allows for the deep exploration of the diversity of Jewish cultures across time and space as well as an understanding of Jewish religious practices, an in-depth overview of Jewish philosophy and introduction to Hebrew.

THE HURON ADVANTAGE

THE JOINT PROGRAM IN JEWISH STUDIES IS NOT ONLY ONE OF JUST A HANDFUL OF JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAMS IN CANADA, IT IS ALSO COMPLETELY UNIQUE.

Only at Huron can you study Jewish Studies in a Liberals Arts college setting, ideally suited to the subject matter. The joint nature of the program, run by Huron but in collaboration with Western and King's University College, allows for a rich array of course offerings for students to choose from.

Students pursuing a Major or Minor in Jewish Studies combine eligible courses at Huron, King's and Western, exploring history, religion, language, culture, art and politics. You explore Jewish history, Biblical storytelling, ancient wisdom, the law and ethics of the Bible, and are required to take a Hebrew language course. Additional courses are then chosen from three categories: Expressions – Literature and Art; Experience – History and Social Science; and Ideas – Classical and Modern Jewish Thought.



"I am passionate about my pursuit of Jewish Studies because it is an essential part of who I am. It's important to remember all that our ancestors had to persevere through to protect our shared identity. If we allow their legacy to fade, we render those struggles meaningless. This program encourages people of every faith to recognize their interconnectivity and responsibility to act in accordance with the best interests of humanity – regardless of which beliefs we ascribe to."

LAUREN SCHWARTZ | YEAR 3

Jewish Studies Scholar
Toronto, Ontario

WHAT DO OUR GRADS DO?

With increased analytical and critical thinking skills, as well as globally-focused historical and cultural knowledge, Jewish Studies graduates are prepared to enter a wide range of rewarding career paths. Whether they choose to pursue further study or leverage their transferrable skills within corporate, government or non-profit sectors, these Leaders with Heart will stand out as critical analysts, expert writers and skilled researchers and linguists.

- Lawyer
- Historian
- Elementary and high school teacher
- Professor
- Business executive and strategist
- Journalist
- Diplomat
- Financial service consultant
- Theologian
- Salesperson
- Social worker
- Lobbyist
- Community activist and service worker
- Non-profit professional

SCHOLAR'S ELECTIVES



Are you a high-achieving, self-motivated student interested in pursuing independent research?

Apply to be a part of this community of scholars that fosters research skills and collaboration.

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AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to awards open to students in all disciplines, students pursuing Jewish Studies at Huron are eligible for special awards and scholarships, one example being **The Stephen Kaganov Award**.

EARN & LEARN

AT HURON, EVERY STUDENT IS GUARANTEED A PAID INTERNSHIP and volunteer positions to help you build valuable experience.



GET INVOLVED!

The Jewish Studies program sponsors an annual lecture and social events. Plus, you can engage with the vibrant culture supported at Western through Hillel Western.



TRAVEL STUDY

The **Auschwitz Jewish Center Fellows Program** offers senior students a unique educational opportunity to learn about the Holocaust in the context of Poland's history and Jewish heritage. This summer fellowship includes travel in Poland for three weeks, during which time students visit Krakow, Warsaw, Łódź, Treblinka and Oświęcim (Auschwitz). There are also opportunities for study abroad exchanges in Israel.

FIRST YEAR: UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES

YOUR FIRST YEAR IS ALL ABOUT EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY.

During this time, there are minimal required courses so you can try out a wide variety of subjects and disciplines. Learn about something completely new. **Find your passion.**

NEED A MENTOR? BE A MENTOR.

Senior students and alumni will help you plan your studies and your career. In your senior years, volunteer to mentor another student!

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PROGRAM OPTIONS	Honours Specialization	Specialization	Major	Minor
Jewish Studies			✓	✓

FIRST-YEAR COURSES

There are no required courses in Jewish Studies in the first year, and you can enter the program in the second year - provided you meet your first-year requirements with a minimum of 60% in your courses. There are, however, two first-year Jewish Studies courses you can take to get a taste of the program, both of which you can count towards the module: Jewish Studies 1250F/G, Introduction to Modern Jewish Thought and Jewish Studies 1370F/G, The Problem of Antisemitism.

INTRODUCTION TO MODERN JEWISH THOUGHT

A first-year course designed to give students the chance to sample the kind of material offered in a Jewish Studies Major or Minor. It looks at recent Jewish philosophical self-understandings and contemporary Jewish biblical scholarship dealing with moral issues such as sexuality, reproductive issues, the position of women, capital punishment and the environment.

THE PROBLEM OF ANTISEMITISM

An introductory survey of some of the forms that antisemitic ideas have taken from the time of the later Roman Empire through to today, together with an examination of some responses to those ideas by philosophers, political theorists and artists.

SAMPLE FIRST-YEAR TIMETABLE

Required courses Elective courses

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
11:30am – 12:30pm History 1801E Major Issues in World History Tutorial <i>0.50 credit</i>	8:30am – 10:30am Hebrew 1030 Hebrew 1 <i>1.00 credit</i>	11:30am – 1:30pm History 1801E Major Issues in World History <i>0.50 credit</i>	8:30am – 10:30am Hebrew 1030 Hebrew 1 <i>1.00 credit</i>	
3:30pm – 4:30pm Centre for Global Studies 1021F Intro to Global Culture <i>0.50 credit</i>	11:30am – 12:30pm Political Science 1020E Intro to Political Science <i>1.00 credit</i>	1:30pm – 2:30pm Political Science 1020E Intro to Political Science Tutorial <i>1.00 credit</i>	11:30am – 12:30pm Political Science 1020E Intro to Political Science Tutorial <i>1.00 credit</i>	
	3:30pm – 5:30pm Jewish Studies 1370F The Problem of Antisemitism <i>0.50 credit</i>		2:30pm – 3:30pm Jewish Studies 1370F The Problem of Antisemitism <i>0.50 credit</i>	
			3:30pm – 5:30pm Centre for Global Studies 1021F Intro to Global Culture <i>0.50 credit</i>	

As a Huron student, you can combine any program with a minor, major or specialization from another Huron program or a major or minor in many of the programs offered at Western, Brescia or King's, such as:

- Global Great Books
- History
- Philosophy
- Global Studies
- Management and Organizational Studies
- Political Science
- French
- English & Cultural Studies



“Huron’s Jewish Studies program empowers students to discuss archetypes from a fresh perspective. Within these very diverse and globally relevant conversations, they recognize the heroism, suffering and genius of Jewish communities, while also deepening their understanding of other groups that are fundamentally interdependent and interconnected.”

DR. JOHN HOPE
Assistant Professor, Jewish Studies



HARVARD
BUSINESS SCHOOL



FACULTY RESEARCH EXPERTISE

HURON & HARVARD

As the only university in Ontario that partners with Harvard, Huron students can earn a Credential of Readiness from Harvard’s Online Business School.

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The Jewish Studies Research Group brings together accomplished faculty from across disciplines and faculties at Huron, Western and King’s University College.

The group holds noon-hour research colloquia and hosts guest lectures and conferences. Students are given opportunities to work with faculty on research projects or conduct original research under faculty supervision.

AFTER FIRST YEAR, You Can Study:

- Hebrew
- Jewish Film Studies
- Hebrew Poetry & Prose
- Jewish Women Artists
- Perceptions of the Middle East
- Jews and Muslims
- Modern Jewish Thought
- Judaism and the Holocaust
- The Hebrew Bible
- Dead Sea Scrolls
- Prophecy
- Angels, Demons, and Magic: Jewish Folklore
- Biblical Foundations of Crime and Punishment
- The Early History of God
- The Problem of Antisemitism
- Angry God: The Bible and War

HURON’S JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAM HAS A NEW PATHWAY AGREEMENT FOR STUDENTS TO ENTER THE YORK FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND QUALIFY FOR THEIR CERTIFICATE IN JEWISH EDUCATION.



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