



Faculty Qualifications: Discipline Description

Judaic Studies

ACTIVE TEACHING DISCIPLINES		
CIP Code	Description	NCES Definition For more information on the NCES CIP taxonomy, see http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55
16.0101	Foreign Languages and Literatures, General	A general program that focuses on one or more modern foreign languages that is not specific as to the name of the language(s) studied; that is otherwise undifferentiated; or that introduces students to language studies at the basic/elementary level.
38.0206	Jewish/Judaic Studies	A program that focuses on the history, culture, and religion of the Jewish people. Includes instruction in Jewish religious heritage, sacred texts, and law; Jewish philosophy and intellectual history; Jewish life and culture, both in Israel and the Jewish Diaspora; historical Jewish minority cultures such as the Yiddish, Sephardic, and other; anti-Semitism, gentile relations and Shoa; Zionism; and modern developments within Judaism.

The qualifications described below represent commonly accepted good practices for teaching in the discipline(s) included in this unit. [1]

Please provide a general description of unit, including programs and course offerings [2]

The Interdisciplinary Program in Judaic Studies offers these programs:
 Minor in Judaic Studies
 Certificate in Judaic Studies

in cooperation of the Departments of English, Modern Languages, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, and Anthropology, and Interdisciplinary Studies, Women's Studies, Area Studies programs, Religious Studies, Humanities and Middle East Studies Minors

Teaching and Research expertise of the faculty are consistent with the various Judaic disciplines offered: Jewish History, Jewish Religion, Hebrew Language, Hebrew Literature, Israel Studies, Jewish Philosophy.

The Program is especially strong in Modern Hebrew Literature, Jewish Religion, and Holocaust Studies.

Terminal degree(s) for each discipline taught in the unit [3]

A terminal degree in the teaching discipline qualifies a person to teach throughout the broad scope of the teaching discipline at the undergraduate and graduate levels. [4]

Ph.D. in Jewish Studies, Hebrew Letters or Israel Studies, Rabbinic Ordination from a degree-granting college or seminary or the following

- Ph.D. in Jewish History
- Ph.D. in Jewish Religion
- Ph.D. in Hebrew Language
- Ph.D. in Hebrew Literature
- Ph.D. in Israel Studies
- Ph.D. in Jewish Philosophy

Broadly related discipline(s) for each discipline taught in the department

Specialization qualifies a person to teach throughout the broad scope of teaching discipline (approximately five or more courses on distinct topics)

Ph.D. in Biblical Studies/ Classical Judaism, Ph.D. in American Jewish Studies, Ph.D. in Israel Studies, and Ph.D. in Holocaust Studies

Selectively related discipline(s) for each discipline taught in the department

Specialization does not qualify a person to teach distinct topics throughout the broad scope of the teaching discipline but does qualify to teach a more restrictive set of courses in the discipline (approximately four or fewer courses on distinct topics)

N/A

Justification for use of faculty with 'other' teaching qualifications and additional faculty teaching qualifications information [5] [6]

An MA in Jewish Studies or Hebrew Letters is appropriate to teach the survey courses in Jewish History, and the Introduction to Judaism

An MA in Hebrew Letters is appropriate to teach the first two years of Elementary Hebrew Language and Culture, Intermediate Hebrew Language and Culture, and Modern Israeli Hebrew

[1] The unit chair/director, in consultation with unit faculty, has responsibility for identifying and articulating commonly accepted good practices in each teaching discipline taught in the unit and for providing appropriate justification as needed. In the case of an emerging discipline for which common collegiate practice has not yet been established, a compelling case must be provided as necessary to substantiate the claims made.

[2] Please provide a general description of the unit course and program offerings at the undergraduate and graduate levels (e.g., degree and certificate programs, minors, departmental contribution to interdisciplinary core courses). This section may also be used to provide other pertinent information about the unit and the discipline(s) it represents (e.g., discipline accreditation, faculty research emphases).

[3] List those degrees for each discipline taught in the unit that are regarded by the respective disciplinary community as terminal degrees in the discipline and thus, qualify a faculty member to teach throughout the broad scope of that discipline at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. In most fields, a terminal degree is the commonly accepted highest degree in the given field of study. In such instances, the terminal degree is usually considered to be the academic (or research) doctorate (e.g., Doctor of Philosophy). However, some academic fields have, through custom, recognized terminal degrees that are not doctorates (e.g., Master of Fine Arts, Master of Social Work). Note that terminal degrees from other disciplines may be appropriate for teaching in the discipline as well, but such credentials should be listed as broadly or selectively related degrees, as appropriate.

[4] A non-terminal master's degree in the teaching discipline qualifies a person to teach throughout the broad scope of the teaching discipline at the undergraduate level, not at the graduate level.

[5] Please use this section to provide justification that helps to make the case for special circumstances that apply to your unit including the use of faculty qualified to teach by 'other' qualifications and other special situations. Typically the statements provided in this section should be of a general nature, and not address specific individuals. (Justification for specific individuals is typically handled separately during the teaching certification process.) As appropriate, please cite to appropriate authorities to justify departmental practices (e.g., discipline accreditation guidelines, state regulations).

[6] When a faculty member cannot be qualified to teach on the basis of academic credentials (degree(s) and course work) alone, qualifications other than academic credentials (or combined with credentials) may be appropriate for teaching particular courses. Consideration of other teaching qualifications either in conjunction with or in lieu of academic credentials must be made on a case-by-case basis. Such cases should be exceptional and the evidence of other demonstrated competencies and achievements provided must be compelling. It should also show substantial and significant evidence of professional progress as related to the faculty member's teaching assignment.