



MA IN JEWISH STUDIES (MAJS)

PURPOSE:

The Master of Arts in Jewish Studies degree program is designed to prepare students who desire to serve among the Jewish people.

Hours: 74

Languages: • English • German

Goals

Students in the Master of Arts in Jewish Studies program will be able to:

- demonstrate a general knowledge of the Bible, including a synthetic understanding of the major books;
- evidence an understanding of the historical development of theology, a knowledge of premillennial theology, and an ability to support their theological views and apply them to contemporary issues;
- evidence an increasing likeness to Christ as manifested in love for God, love for others, and the fruit of the Spirit;
- demonstrate an understanding of Jewish history, culture, and foundational literary works;
- communicate the Bible effectively in a Jewish context;
- impact a local church or community of believers, particularly messianic, by means of biblical exposition, leadership skills, evangelism, and service; and
- articulate an effective strategy for ministering to the Jewish community.

Course Requirements

Seventy-four credit hours of coursework are required as a minimum for graduation. The MAJS requires 12 hours be completed in real-time. Of the 74 required credit hours in the MAJS, 21 are in prescribed Bible Exposition courses, 18 are in prescribed Systematic Theology courses, 27 are in Jewish Studies courses, and 8 are in Spiritual and Ministry Formation courses (including INT5190 Ministry Formation Internship).

Israel College of the Bible Course Descriptions

The following courses are approved MAJS electives offered through Israel College of the Bible. Additional elective options are listed on the next page.

BSH505 Messiah in the Hebrew Bible

This course looks at some of the key passages in the Hebrew Bible upon which are based the New Testament claims that Jesus is the promised Messiah. These passages will be examined from the perspective of the rabbinic-Christian polemic, paying careful attention to their meaning within the immediate and larger context, and in light of later inner-biblical interpretation. *3 hours.*

BSH527 Biblical Geography

The course will familiarize the student with the geography of the Land of Israel as it relates to the events of the Bible, through readings and eight days of site visits. After an introductory lecture at the Israel College of the Bible, each day will cover a different region: Shefela (Judean Lowlands), Negev, Dead Sea, Jerusalem, Samaria, Galilee, Golan, Coastal Plain. *3 hours.*

BSH528 Biblical Archaeology

The course will familiarize the student with the archaeology of the Land of Israel as it relates to the events of the Bible, through readings and six days of site visits. After an introductory lecture at the Israel College of the Bible on the history of archaeology and methodology, each day will be spent visiting excavations and museums in different regions of the country. The field trips will focus on sites not visited during the Geography of the Bible course. In addition, two days will be spent in hands-on archaeological activities, according to the needs of various ongoing archaeological projects at the time of the course. *3 hours.*

GSH508 Jewish Perspectives on Jesus and the New Testament

This course looks at the growing body of Jewish literature from the world of religious and secular Jewish scholarship on Jesus and the New Testament, including a look at the key scholars who have published on this topic (Flusser, Vermes, Brettler, etc.). *3 hours.*

GSH520 History of Jewish-Christian Relations

This course will expose students to a survey of church history from the early church to the present day in general and its interactions with the Jewish people throughout their history in particular. It will trace and analyze the roots, developments, and implications of Christian anti-Semitism. *3 hours.*

GSH621 Introduction to Rabbinic Literature

This course gives a closer view on the Rabbinic writings, such as Mishnah, Tosefta, Talmud, and Midrash. Special attention is devoted to the evolution and creation of the Oral Law as a response to the early Jewish movement. *3 hours.*

MAJS APPROVED ELECTIVES

MIM5345 Ministry in Jewish Contexts

BSH505 Messiah in the Hebrew Bible

BSH527 Biblical Geography

BSH528 Biblical Archaeology

GSH508 Jewish Perspectives on Jesus and the New Testament

GSH520 History of Jewish-Christian Relations

GSH621 Introduction to Rabbinic Literature

JS5600 History of the Jewish People

JS5605 History of Judaism and Messianic Judaism

JS5610 Literature of Second Temple Period

JS5615 Synagogue Worship and Liturgy

JS5620 History of Jewish-Christian Relations

JS5625 Jewish Outreach and Apologetics

JS5630 Rabbinic Literature

JS5635 Traditional Jewish Lifestyles

BIBLE EXPOSITION 21

BE5101	Bible Study Methods and Hermeneutics	3
BE5102	Old Testament History I	3
BE5103	Old Testament History II and Poetry	2
BE5104	Old Testament Prophets	3
BE5105	The Gospels	2
BE5106	Acts and Pauline Epistles	3
BE5107	Hebrews, General Epistles, and Revelation	3
BE5109	Ruth, Psalms, Jonah, and Selected Epistles	2

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY 18

ST5101	Theological Method and Bibliology	3
ST5012	Trinitarianism	3
ST5103	Angelology, Anthropology, and Hamartiology	3
ST5104	Soteriology	3
ST5105	Sanctification and Ecclesiology	3
ST5106	Eschatology	3

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OT5103	Hebrew Exegesis and Old Testament Introduction I	3
OT5104	Hebrew Exegesis and Old Testament Introduction II	3
	MAJS Electives	21

SPIRITUAL AND MINISTRY FORMATION 8

SF5100	Spiritual Formation (4 terms)	0
PM5101	Christian Life and Witness	2
INT5190	Ministry Formation Internship	3
EML5105	Teaching Process and Media Presentations	
or		
MIM5210	Intercultural Communication	3

Total 74

