

Curricular Actions of the Weinberg Faculty

October 2008 Actions of the Faculty of the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences

At the October 2, 2008 meeting, the Faculty of Northwestern's Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences approved one new major and one new minor:

1. Major in **Jewish Studies** (see details below)
2. Minor in **Catholic Studies** (see page 2 for details)

Major in Jewish Studies

For many years Weinberg College has offered a minor in Jewish Studies. The expansion of relevant course offerings has made it possible to add a Jewish Studies major to the curriculum. This major was approved by the Weinberg College faculty on October 2, 2008.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A MAJOR IN JEWISH STUDIES

(The official version of the requirements will appear in the 2009-10 *Undergraduate Catalog*.)

Prerequisite. Students must complete second-year Hebrew or place out of second-year Hebrew before completing the major.

Required courses. The major in Jewish Studies will require the successful completion of 12 courses, at least 6 of which must be at the 300 level. These courses must include:

- Any 2 courses from the following list:
 - Third-year Hebrew. (A single quarter of third-year Hebrew will suffice to satisfy this requirement.)
 - A course on a classical Jewish text in Hebrew in the Department of Religion.
 - A course on Hebrew literature read in Hebrew.
 - Students who complete two years of Yiddish language are exempted from this requirement and need only complete ten courses to complete the major.
- Religion 230-Introduction to Judaism.
- 1 course covering the biblical period.
- 1 course covering the rabbinic period.
- 2 courses covering the post-rabbinic periods (viz., post-800 C.E.)
- 5 other courses listed by Jewish Studies as counting for major or minor credit. (Third-year Hebrew and third-year Yiddish can count toward this requirement.)

Of these 12 courses, at least 1 must be in the Department of History and 1 in a department that focuses on the study of literature.

Minor in Catholic Studies

A new minor in Catholic Studies was approved by the Weinberg College faculty on October 2, 2008.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A MINOR IN CATHOLIC STUDIES (6 courses)

(The official version of the requirements will appear in the 2009-10 *Undergraduate Catalog*.)

- Religion 381-Global Catholicism in the Contemporary World
 - At least 2 of the following 4 courses:
 - Religion 382-Catholicism in the Making of the Modern World
 - Religion 383-Catholic Social Ethics
 - Religion 384-Soundings in the Catholic Tradition
 - Religion 385-Topics in American Catholicism
 - 3 electives chosen in consultation with the director of the Catholic Studies minor and organized around a single focus. Appropriate courses may be found in many departments throughout the university. Students may substitute for up to 2 of these electives a special project in Catholic history, thought, or contemporary life undertaken as part of a study abroad experience.
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