

**Jewish Studies Interdisciplinary Program
Program Review – 2012-2013**

Memorandum of Understanding

Commendations

The Department is commended for:

1. The composition of the program, the major, and the minor which are essential and internally consistent with necessary learning outcomes.
2. Leveraging the interest of the larger Jewish community which inspires co-curricular activities and provides vital funding.
3. Its great success in extra-mural fundraising and aggressive solicitation of outside funding.
4. Its ambitious and successful strategy around course offerings which places cross-listing at the center of programming and results in expanded and diversified course offerings.
5. The course in Jewish Service Learning that trains students in their articulated fields of interest and includes a \$1,000 stipend for a 100-hour internship.
6. Providing solid student advisement and support to the majors, minors, and general student population enrolled in Jewish Studies courses.
7. The addition of the new Maurice Amado Professor in Applied Jewish Ethics and Civic Engagement.
8. Garnering strong support from the college and University in terms of facilities and library services.

9. Its leadership, which has achieved high-level administrative expertise, works well with colleagues throughout the university to advance the program's mission and in advising students, teaching and community organizing.

Recommendations

The Department should:

1. Continue its ambitious publicity for Jewish Studies courses.
2. Finalize the new mission statement and use it to make strategic choices about outreach and curriculum.
3. Continue to use assessment data to advance student achievement.
4. Post the master course schedule on the Jewish Studies Interdisciplinary Program website.
5. Continue to pursue the existing strategy of cross-listing courses and investigate the possibilities of offering Jewish Studies courses as part of as many different majors as possible.
6. Continue to work collaboratively with the Oviatt Library to develop the collection through grant opportunities and other external funding channels as these opportunities arise.
7. Create a Jewish Studies Interdisciplinary Program administrative manual that formalizes and preserves procedures and institutional memory.
8. Begin to engage in intentional succession planning.
9. Ensure the long-term viability, strength, and growth of the Program by requesting approval for a second full-time position in Jewish Studies in the field of Modern Middle East Studies.