



# HANDBOOK

## Jewish Studies Specialization

for MA and PhD students in the

Department of History, Department of Medieval Studies,  
Cultural Heritage Studies Program, and Nationalism  
Studies Program



2023-2024

Dear Students,

Welcome to Central European University. The Jewish Studies Program was established at CEU Budapest in 1996 and is now entering its twenty-eighth year.

We are happy to offer a specialization in Jewish Studies for MA and PhD students in the Department of History, the Department of Medieval Studies, the Cultural Heritage Studies Program and the Nationalism Studies Program. The Jewish Studies specialization is available in the 1-year and 2-year MA programs and requires the completion of a certain number of course credits in the Jewish Studies classes listed below. Credits earned in all these classes are also accepted as elective credits by the Department of History and the Nationalism Studies Program. (Please consult the program director regarding Medieval Studies and Cultural Heritage Studies.) The credit requirements for formal recognition of having completed the Jewish Studies specialization are as follows:

One-year MA programs of the Department of History, Department of Medieval Studies, and Nationalism Studies Program,

12 classroom credits from Jewish Studies courses  
Thesis on a Jewish Studies-related topic

Two-year MA programs of the Department of History, Department of Medieval Studies, Cultural Heritage Studies Program and Nationalism Studies Program

1 CEU credit = 2 ECTS

20 classroom credits from Jewish Studies courses  
Thesis on a Jewish Studies-related topic

For those wishing to complete the specialization, the following courses are mandatory:

**Schisms and Divisions in Jewish History, Carsten Wilke** (Fall Semester, 2 CEU credits)

**Jews of the Habsburg Lands, Michael Miller** Mandatory (Winter Semester, 2 CEU credits)

Students can compete for ***Jewish Studies Research Support Grants***, which cover research-related costs (including travel). All students specializing in Jewish Studies are strongly encouraged to apply for these grants. A call for applications will be circulated in January 2024.

We would also like to inform you that the *Jewish Studies Lecture Series* will be entering its twenty-eighth year. Throughout the academic year, internationally-renowned scholars will give public lectures on Jewish topics. The lecturers address various topics in Jewish history, philosophy, sociology, religion, and culture. Attendance at these lectures is mandatory for all Jewish Studies students.

Since 2011, we have organized a *Jewish Studies Field Trip* together with Jewish Studies students from other Central European universities. In past years, we have traveled to Slovakia, Hungary, Austria, Romania, Ukraine, Croatia, and Serbia, and we are currently planning this year's field trip. All Jewish Studies students receive financial support for this trip.

We will also organize *Jewish Studies Walking Tours and Site Visits* in Vienna and its environs. In past years, we have organized a walking tour "In the footsteps of Theodor Herzl," and we have visited the Jewish quarter (and Austrian Jewish Museum) in Eisenstadt, the medieval synagogue in Korneuburg, the Jewish neighborhood in Vienna's 2<sup>nd</sup> district (Leopoldstadt), and the Vienna Jewish Museum.

## **Jewish Studies Courses, 2023-2024**

### **Fall Term**

Carsten Wilke

#### **Schisms and Divisions in Jewish History**

*Mandatory for Jewish Studies students*

2 CEU Credits

Michael Miller

#### **Zionism and Palestinian Nationalism**

2 CEU credits

Szonja Komoróczy

#### **Modern Hebrew Beginner I**

\*3 CEU Credits

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#### **Modern Hebrew Intermediate I**

\*3 CEU Credits

Szonja Komoróczy

#### **Yiddish I**

\*3 CEU Credits

### **Winter Term**

Ines Koeltzsch

#### **Jewish Life after the Holocaust**

2 CEU Credits

Michael Miller

#### **Jews of the Habsburg Lands**

*Mandatory for Jewish Studies students*

2 CEU Credits

Carsten Wilke

#### **Jewish Heritage**

2 CEU Credits

Jan Rybak

#### **Antisemitism and its Opponents in Modern European History**

2 CEU Credits

Szonja Komoróczy

#### **Modern Hebrew Beginner II**

\*3 CEU Credits

Szonja Komoróczy  
**Modern Hebrew Intermediate II**  
\*3 CEU Credits

Szonja Komoróczy  
**Yiddish II**  
\*3 CEU Credits

\* Hebrew/Yiddish courses are 3 CEU credits, but only 2 credits per term can be counted for the Jewish Studies specialization.

**Spring Term**

Andras Kovacs  
**Surveying, Monitoring and Combating Antisemitism in Post-Communist Central Europe** (2 weeks, one in Vienna, one in Budapest)  
2 CEU credits

Steven Aschheim  
**The Dialectics of European Culture: Intellectuals and Other Jews**  
1 CEU credit

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