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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences to create a minor in Jewish Studies will be an agenda item for the February 16, 2024, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu

Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro

PROPOSAL FOR MINOR PROGRAM OF STUDY

1. **School/College:** Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
2. **Department/Division:** Religion
3. **Minor Name:** Jewish Studies
4. **CIP:** 38.0206
5. **Proposed Effective Date:** Fall 2024
6. **Which campus(es) will offer this program?** Athens
7. **Program Description:**

The Jewish Studies minor will offer a comprehensive program suited for students with wide-ranging interests, providing access to historical and cultural content with modern day significance. The minor will draw from a constituency of elements across the humanities and social sciences, especially cultural anthropology, history, linguistics, religion, sociology, philosophy, and comparative literature. Courses in various disciplines will prepare students to explore and evaluate the many intricacies and valences of Judaism, modern Israel, and Jewish history and culture, allowing students access to Jewish writings, arts, cultures, and traditions. The Jewish Studies minor will prepare graduates for careers in education, international relations, international business, public service, and other professions that require strong cultural competency.

According to U.S. News and World Report, of the 30 top public universities, only UGA and Georgia Tech lack a minor in Jewish Studies, and within the region, only three other schools lack a Jewish Studies minor. Having this minor will help Franklin College in its mission to align pre-professional training with area and ethnic studies.

7. Program of Study/Requirements:

- *A minor must contain at least 9 hours of upper division course work.*
- *Courses taken to satisfy Core Areas I through V may not be counted as course work in the minor.*
- *Courses taken in Core Area VI may be counted as course work in the minor.*

Undergraduates minoring in Jewish Studies are expected to complete the required course and four electives for a total of 15 hours. At least 9 of the required 15 hours must be taken at the upper-division level.

Required Course – 3 hours

Any course with a HEBR prefix. This course must be completed in residence.

Elective Courses – 12 hours

CMLT 4040/6040, Jewish Literature (3 hours)

CMLT 4170/6170, Israel or Palestine? Culture and Conflict in the Middle East (3 hours)

CMLT 4630/6630, Holocaust Literature and Film (3 hours)
FCID 3500, The Holocaust from the Victims' Perspectives (3 hours)
GRMN 3840, The Jewish Experience in German Culture (3 hours)
HEBR 1001, Elementary Hebrew I (4 hours)
HEBR 1002, Elementary Hebrew II (4 hours)
HEBR 2003, Intermediate Hebrew I (3 hours)
HEBR 2004, Intermediate Hebrew II (3 hours)
HEBR 3000, Contemporary Hebrew Conversation and Composition (3 hours)
HEBR 3001, Digital Hebrew (3 hours)
HEBR 3005, Modern Hebrew (3 hours)
HEBR 3006, Advanced Hebrew Language: Literary Translation (3 hours)
HEBR(LING) 4088/6088, Essentials of Hebrew: A Linguistic Approach (3 hours)
HEBR 4100/6100, Reading and Research in Hebrew Literature (3 hours)
HEBR 4101I/6010I, Advanced Hebrew (3 hours)
HEBR 4960R, Directed Reading and/or Projects (Honors) (3 hours)
HEBR 4970R, Directed Reading and/or Projects (Honors) (3 hours)
HEBR 4980R, Directed Reading and/or Projects (Honors) (3 hours)
HEBR 4990R, Honors Thesis (3 hours)
INTL 4370, Middle Eastern Politics (3 hours)
INTL 4371, Israeli Politics (3 hours)
PHIL 3500, Jewish Philosophy (3 hours)
RELI 1007, Reading the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible (3 hours)
RELI 1300, Jews and Food (3 hours)
RELI 1400, Jews and Judaism in Popular Culture (3 hours)
RELI 3500, Antisemitism (3 hours)
RELI 4001/6001, Old Testament/Hebrew Bible Literature (3 hours)
RELI 4002/6002, Prophetic Literature of the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible (3 hours)
RELI 4003/6003, Ancient Israelite Religion (3 hours)
RELI 4004/6004, Old Testament/Hebrew Bible: The Writings (3 hours)
RELI 4008/6008, Jewish Myths and Legends (3 hours)
RELI 4040/6040, Apocalyptic Literature (3 hours)
RELI 4070/6070, Judaism (3 hours)
RELI 4071/6071, The Holocaust (3 hours)
RELI 4071H, The Holocaust (Honors) (3 hours)
RELI 4072/6072, American Judaism (3 hours)
RELI 4073/6073, Law and Religion in Israel (3 hours)
RELI 4074/6074, Law and Lawcodes in the Ancient Mediterranean World (3 hours)
RELI 4075/6075, The Jewish Experience (3 hours)
RELI 4076/6076, Minority Jewish Communities: Diversity and Survival (3 hours)
RELI 4083, The New Testament World (3 hours)
RELI 4610/6610, The Origins of Monotheism and Science (3 hours)
RELI 4611/6610, Canon and its Social Environment (3 hours)
SEMI 4001/6001, Studies in Semitic Linguistics I (3 hours)
SEMI 4002/6002, Studies in Semitic Linguistics II (3 hours)

All courses used to satisfy the minor requirement must be passed with a grade of "C" (2.0) or better. At least two upper-division courses must be taken in residence.

TOTAL HOURS: 15

Documentation of Approval and Notification

Proposal: Minor in Jewish Studies

College: Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Department: Religion

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2024

School/College:

- Religion department head, Dr. Wayne Coppins, 11/14/23
- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Jean Martin-Williams, 1/29/24

Use of Course Approvals:

- School of Public and International Affairs Dean, Dr. Matthew Auer, 12/5/23