

# General

## Program Name

Judaic Studies

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## Plan Code

JUSBA

## Last Admit Term

Spring 2026

## Career

Undergraduate

## Terminal Degree

No

## Research Master's

No

## Professional Master's

No

## Stackable

No

## Associated Plans for Stacking

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## Accelerated Master's Program

No

## Associated Plans for AMP

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# Disestablishment Details

## Justification for Disestablishment

The Judaic Studies (JUS) BA degree program will be discontinued to address concerns about the low number of majors. It will become a new emphasis entitled "Jewish and Israel Studies-Cultures and Communities" within the redesigned Global Studies BA to go into effect Fall 2026. (We anticipate that the redesigned Global Studies BA will be approved by Curricular Affairs in Spring 2026.) The new emphasis will ensure the vitality of JUS faculty and course offerings. The JUS minor will continue. Note: Since Summer 2024, Judaic Studies has been housed within the School of Global Studies.

## Teach Out Plan

Detailed plan how you will handle current students, if any

## Introduction:

The Judaic Studies (JUS) BA degree, which is now housed in the School of Global Studies, will be discontinued to address concerns about the low number of majors. It will become a new emphasis entitled "Jewish and Israel Studies-Cultures and Communities" within the redesigned Global Studies

BA that will go into effect Fall 2026. The new emphasis will ensure the vitality of JUS faculty and course offerings. The JUS minor will continue.

#### Program Closure Timeline:

The last admit term for the major is Spring 2026. The redesigned Global Studies major will launch in Fall 2026. All current JUS majors will have the option to switch to the Global Studies major with a “Jewish and Israel Studies-Cultures and Communities” emphasis or complete their JUS major. The JUS BA degree program will remain active so that students in the program can finish. After 8 years, Curricular Affairs will change the status of the BA to “inactive.”

#### Student Support:

Advisors have been notified of the disestablishment and will work with students on an individual basis during the transition. Global Studies academic advisor Megan Denney will send an Email to JUS majors in August 2026 to make them aware of the option to switch to a Global Studies major. She will meet with students to offer support. The JUS BA disestablishment should have no effect on student scholarships or financial aid.

Note: As of Spring 2026, there are 2 students in the Judaic Studies major (1 active and 1 inactive). Both are main campus students.

#### Curriculum Transition:

Most JUS-prefix courses will continue to be offered. JUS 498 Senior Capstone, however, will not be offered after Spring 2026. Students who elect to switch to the Global Studies: Jewish and Israel Studies-Cultures and Communities emphasis and those who continue as JUS majors will take GLS 498 Senior Capstone. Advisors may substitute JUS 499 Independent Study for GLS 498 on a case-by-case basis for JUS majors. JUS 301 Jewish Civilization: A Gateway Course will be added to Global Studies Core II curriculum. All other JUS electives will either still be offered as part of the Global Studies: Jewish and Israel Studies-Cultures and Communities emphasis or advisors will find appropriate substitutions. A new course list for the Global Studies: Jewish and Israel Studies-Cultures and Communities emphasis was created as part of the Global Studies BA Substantial Change Request form submitted to Curricular Affairs in December 2025.

#### Faculty and Staff Transition:

JUS faculty will continue teaching courses in the Global Studies: Jewish and Israel Studies-Cultures and Communities emphasis and JUS minor. Some JUS faculty may create and teach new Global Studies Core II courses in the future. JUS faculty will also be incorporated into the teaching rotation for the following Global Studies courses: GLS 250 Dimensions of Globalization: States, Societies, and Institutions, GLS 251 Dimensions of Globalization: Language, Literature, and Culture, and GLS 498: Senior Capstone.

Some service responsibilities may shift. One JUS faculty member will continue to serve on the School of Global Studies Undergraduate Studies Committee. However, beginning Fall 2026, JUS will not have a

Director of Undergraduate Studies service position. (There will be one DUS at the School of Global Studies level.) Rather, a JUS faculty member will serve as “curricular lead” for the emphasis. This person will work with the JUS program director and academic affairs coordinator to update and follow 2-year curricular plans and faculty teaching assignments, schedule JUS emphasis courses each semester, and manage any new course adds and modifications in the new emphasis.

The discontinuation of the JUS BA degree program will not affect Global Studies staff.

#### Communication Plan:

Megan Denney, Global Studies academic advisor, will send an Email to JUS majors in August 2026 to notify them of the option to switch to a Global Studies major with a “Jewish and Israel Studies-Cultures and Communities” emphasis or continue with the JUS major.

Email script: “The University of Arizona is excited to launch a new Global Studies major with a Jewish and Israel Studies-Cultures and Communities emphasis starting in the Fall 2026 term. The Judaic Studies major will no longer be accepting new students. As a current Judaic Studies major, I wanted to reach out to let you know your options. You may continue your Judaic Studies degree or you may switch to the new Global Studies major with a Jewish and Israel Studies-Cultures and Communities emphasis. [Add link to emphasis web page.] Please let me know which option you would like to take. I am happy to meet with you to discuss your options and plan starting Fall 2026.”

The JUS BA degree web pages will remain up and available as long as there are active, enrolled students in the major. However, in August 2026, the following message will be added to the website: “No new students for the JUS BA degree are being admitted as of Fall 2026. This degree is now being offered as Global Studies:Jewish and Israel Studies-Cultures and Communities. [LINK to Judaic Studies emphasis web page].”

As soon as the reconfigured Global Studies major is approved, we will update the Global Studies web page to include information about the Jewish and Israel Studies-Cultures and Communities emphasis. The following message will be included on the web page: “Available starting August 2026.”

Compliance and Reporting: N/A

#### Timeline of Teach-Out Events

--Spring 2026 (End of May) - No longer admit students to JUS major. If a student wants to declare over summer, advisors will recommend that they wait until the new Global Studies:Jewish and Israel Studies-Cultures and Communities emphasis starts accepting students in Fall 2026.

--Spring 2026 (February-April) - Work with SBS marketing to write descriptions and other content for each new emphasis, to be shared on relevant University of Arizona web pages and marketing materials.

--Spring 2026 (May)- As soon as the new Global Studies BA major is approved by Curricular Affairs, update the School of Global Studies website to include a description and courses for the Jewish and

Israel Studies-Cultures and Communities emphasis. Include message on emphasis web page: "Available August 2026 and after"

--Fall 2026 (August) - Add message to JUS BA degree website. "No new students are being admitted for the Judaic Studies BA degree. This degree is now being offered as Global Studies: Jewish and Israel Studies-Cultures and Communities. [LINK]."

--Fall 2026 (August) - Megan Denney, Global Studies advisor, will notify JUS majors of the new Global Studies: Jewish and Israel Studies-Cultures and Communities major via Email.

--Fall 2026 - Advisor will move JUS students to the Global Studies major as needed.

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## Campus and Location Offerings

### Campuses

Campus	Sub Plan Required
University of Arizona - Main	No
<b>Locations</b>	
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## Emphases/Subplans

## Subplan Campus & Locations

### Subplan Campuses

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## Dependencies