The study of Jewish civilization within global cultures forms part of the University’s broad and firm pledge to cultivate multicultural studies. The program’s diversity of methods fosters appreciation for the richness of Jewish civilization by Jews and non-Jews alike. It constructs natural bridges for students across the University to enter into dialogue with Jewish culture and, through such conversations, to reflect on their own disciplines or traditions.

The faculty of the Tam Institute advise Ph.D. students in a variety of departmental settings. Students in any of the Graduate School’s doctoral programs may affiliate with the Institute and take part in its courses and programs. The Institute also offers a Master of Arts in Jewish Studies (JSMA) and a joint JD/MA degree.

The Tam institute offers a regular program of lectures and cultural events, as well as a number of grants to students at all levels of study. Jewish studies at Emory also encompasses the Institute for the Study of Modern Israel (ISMI), which coordinates lectures, workshops, and visits by scholars whose expertise is Israel and the Middle East.

Opportunities for Graduate Work in Jewish Studies

- Students with a focus on Jewish studies regularly earn the Ph.D. degrees in History, Comparative Literature, Religious Studies and other fields. Applications for doctoral study should be made directly to the appropriate program. Although Ph.D. students are firmly integrated in their respective program settings, they may work with core Jewish studies faculty members in their disciplines, take part in the intellectual life of the Tam Institute, and receive financial support from the Institute for research activities and summer study.

- The Master of Arts in Jewish Studies (JSMA) is a two-year graduate degree in Jewish studies administered by the Tam Institute. The JSMA offers vigorous intellectual training in the field of Jewish civilization, including the history, sacred texts, art, literature, archaeology, politics, languages and linguistics, law, economic activities and social institutions of the Jewish people. Broadly based and multidisciplinary, the program provides an excellent foundation for a variety of academic and professional careers.

Founded in 1999, the Tam Institute for Jewish Studies brings together scholars and students from a number of different departments and programs to engage in the interdisciplinary exploration of Jewish civilization and culture. Twenty distinguished core faculty members offer courses and conduct scholarly research in Jewish religion and thought, history, archaeology, anthropology, language, literature, politics, and philosophy.
The joint Juris Doctor/Master of Arts (JD/MA) in Judaic Studies allows students to combine training in law with training in Jewish Studies. A student in the program is expected to matriculate concurrently in both the School of Law and the Graduate School and to complete the requirements for both degrees in four years.

Fellowships and Grants
Ph.D. students at Emory receive full-tuition fellowships and stipends through the Graduate School. A limited number of full-tuition fellowships and/or stipends may also be available to JSMA students. Students are considered for these fellowships as part of the admissions process and no separate application is required. All stipends carry research and/or teaching responsibilities.

Students at both the Ph.D. and MA levels are eligible for a number of grants to support research, summer study and intensive language training. Application details are announced annually to enrolled students.

Faculty
The Tam Institute has a diverse core faculty of twenty members, each of whom affiliate with Jewish studies and home departments including Comparative Literature, German Studies, History, the Institute for Liberal Arts (ILA), Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies (MESAS), Religion/Graduate Division of Religion (GDR), and Spanish and Portuguese. Faculty members are actively engaged in research and writing and are internationally known in their fields. Particular strengths include American Jewish studies, the Holocaust, Biblical studies and archaeology, the rabbinic tradition, Jewish law and ethics, Jewish mysticism and philosophy, contemporary Jewish theology, Jewish ethnography, Hebrew language and literature, Yiddish language and culture, history and culture of Jews in Islamic lands, Judeo-Arabic, and the history and politics of modern Israel.

In addition, sixteen affiliated faculty members in other departments and programs have research and teaching interests relating to Jewish Studies.

The Tam Institute website has a complete list of both core and affiliated faculty members, with information about their research interests, publications, and more. Visit www.js.emory.edu/faculty.

Program Requirements
Ph.D. Degrees
Requirements for Ph.D. work in Jewish studies within History, Comparative Literature, the Graduate Division of Religion and other units can be found on the web pages of the appropriate programs. Visit www.emory.edu/GSOAS/departments_programs for a complete list.

Master of Arts
Detailed information about requirements for the JSMA program can be found at www.js.emory.edu/grad/index.html. The following is a summary.

The JSMA program is structured around four main elements:

- Two years of college-level Hebrew language study are required for admission. Students must pass an exit examination in academic Hebrew reading comprehension.
- Students must choose a discipline or area of specialization and make themselves as proficient as they can in that area. This involves a sequence of three elective courses, and either passing three comprehensive examinations or, in exceptional cases, writing a thesis.
- Students must also gain competence in disciplines and in periods other than that of their specialization. This involves two required foundational courses, and two courses each in the areas of languages and literatures, religion, and history and social sciences.
- Students must acquire some experience in teaching. Students participate in the TATTO program (Teaching Assistantship Training and Teaching Opportunity), organized by the Graduate School. This involves a summer workshop in the summer before the second year, and a mentored introduction to teaching responsibilities.
JD/MA in Jewish Studies
Prospective students must apply separately for admission to both the School of Law and the Graduate School's JSMA program. Each school maintains its own standards and procedures; admission to one school does not guarantee admission to the other. Fellowships are administered separately as well, and awards may be used only while the student is in residence at the school that granted the award. For detailed program requirements, see www.js.emory.edu/graduate.

Research Facilities
Emory University’s Robert W. Woodruff Library and Pitts Theology Library have strong holdings in Jewish Studies. The Woodruff Library has extensive holdings of Jewish periodicals in several languages and has one of the largest collections worldwide of Cairo Geniza fragments on microfilm. The Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library (MARBL) holds several important archival collections of Jewish interest, while Pitts Library maintains one of the most extensive collections in the nation of texts related to Biblical Hebrew. The Schatten Gallery in the Woodruff Library has long been a venue for important exhibits of Jewish culture, including “Danzig 1939: Treasures of a Destroyed Community,” “Anne Frank in the World, 1929-1945,” “Weaving the Spirit: The Art of Laurie Gross,” “Rescuers of the Holocaust,” and “The Jews of the South: A Photographic Exhibit by Bill Aron.”

Students may also draw upon the library and manuscript resources of the Georgia Department of Archives and History, the National Archives and Records Service, Southeast Branch, the Atlanta History Center, the William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum and archives, and other nearby colleges and universities.

Intellectual Community
The Tam Institute organizes a series of lectures and cultural events that brings to Emory a diverse group of visiting scholars, public figures and performances. Highlights of the academic year include the annual Tenenbaum Family Lecture Series in Jewish Studies and the Stein Lectureship in Modern Jewish and Israeli History. Some recent events include:

- Professor Jonathan D. Sarna, Brandeis University, “Strangers in a Strange Land: Jews Confront a New World”
- Professor Baruch Brody, Baylor College of Medicine, “One Tradition, Many Voices: Jewish Bioethics as a Model for Contemporary Society”
- Professor Ruth Wisse, Harvard University, “Yiddish at the Center; English at the Margins”
- Professor Yosef H. Yerushalmi, Columbia University, “Servants of Kings and Not Servants of Servants: Some Aspects of the Political History of the Jews”
- Dr. Reuven Hazan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, “Short-Term Hawks and Long-Term Doves: Israeli Politics and Peace”
- The St. Lawrence String Quartet and clarinetist Todd Palmer, Golijov Symposium and Quartet
- The Emory Early Music Ensemble, Matthew Peaceman, guest conductor Concert “Hoschanah Rabbah in Casale Monferrato 1732” (Hebrew cantata)

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  Religion/GDR; Rabbinics and Jewish ethics
- **David R. Blumenthal**  
  Religion/GDR; medieval Jewish thought, contemporary Jewish theology
- **Oded Borowski**  
  MESAS; Biblical archaeology
- **Michael J. Brody**  
  Emory Law School; Jewish law, law and religion
- **William K. Gilders**  
  Religion/GDR; Hebrew Bible
- **Sander Gilman**  
  ILA; History of medicine and psychiatry, Jewish cultural studies
- **Hazel Gold**  
  Spanish and Portuguese; Sephardic and Latin American Jewish culture
- **Eric L. Goldstein**  
  History; American and modern Jewish history
- **Benjamin Hary**  
  MESAS; Hebrew language and linguistics, Jewish languages, Judeo-Arabic
- **Rina Kreitman**  
  MESAS; Hebrew language
- **David Lambert**  
  Religion; ancient Judaism
- **Jeffrey Lesser**  
  History; Jews and ethnicity in Latin America
- **Deborah E. Lipstadt**  
  Religion/GDR; Holocaust and modern Jewish studies
- **Gordon D. Newby**  
  MESAS; Jews, Christians and Muslims in the Islamic world
- **Marina Rustow**  
  History; medieval Jewish history, Jews in Islamic lands
- **Don F. Seeman**  
  Religion/GDR; Jewish ethnography and anthropology
- **Kenneth W. Stein**  
  History; Israeli and modern Middle Eastern history and politics
- **Miriam Udel-Lambert**  
  German Studies; Yiddish and comparative literature
- **Jacob Wright**  
  Candler School of Theology; biblical interpretation, history and archaeology of ancient Israel, Northwest Semitic languages.
- **Ofra Yeglin**  
  MESAS; modern Hebrew literature, Hebrew poetry