

Jewish Studies Abroad

A variety of programs and coursework exist for CC students who are interested in exploring various aspects of Jewish life, history, and community on a study abroad program. Here are some options from the [CC Approved Partner Program list](#) that offer coursework and experiences which may be of interest.

Israel

Hebrew University of Jerusalem: Rothberg International School (RIS)

While studying at HebrewU, you'll experience Jerusalem's mosaic of cultures, foods, religions, and peoples. Courses are through the Rothberg International School (RIS), and you also have the opportunity to take classes at the main Hebrew University, as well as studying Hebrew language and participating in service-learning. You may intern with an Israeli start-up, or volunteer with one of the many nonprofit organizations. Creatives, scholars, scientists, and activists all flock to Jerusalem, making it an exciting place to study abroad.

Enroll in the full RIS program above, or pick a special interest concentration program in:

- [Arabic Language Immersion](#) (all levels of Arabic)
- [Art and Design](#) with ArtJerusalem Semester
- [DanceJerusalem](#)
- [Music](#) with Jerusalem Sounds
- [STEMester](#) (sciences)
- [Honors Program](#) (Spring only)

Czech Republic

CET: Prague Semester : Jewish Studies Concentration

Historically, Prague was the capital of Bohemia and is today located in the Czech Republic. Jewish life in Prague has been documented at least as early as 970 C.E., and by the end of the 11th century, a Jewish community had been fully established in Prague. The Jewish community of Prague has survived both the Holocaust and Communist rule, and Jewish life is now undergoing a period of great revitalization in the Czech Republic. Prague is unique in that the old Jewish Quarter was preserved during WWII, making it an extremely popular tourist destination and community hub today. After centuries of a complex and tumultuous history for Jewish people in Prague, today the city is a fascinating (and vibrant) place to pursue Jewish Studies.

On the CET Prague Semester, if you pick the Jewish Studies Concentration, you will:

- Take the program core course: [PR/JWST 350 Modern History of the Jews in East Central Europe](#)
- Enroll in one Czech Language course
- Choose from other elective courses in Area Studies, Business, Economics, International Relations, Psychology, and internships. Some courses that past students in the Jewish Studies Concentration have chosen include:
 - [PR/JWST 357 Jews, Anti-Semitism, and Holocaust Memory in Central Europe](#)
 - [PR/JWST 362 Jewish Life in Contemporary Europe](#)
 - [PR/CEST 354 Cultural and Political Movements in Central Europe \(1848-1939\)](#)
 - [PR/CEST 355 Cultures of Resistance and Dissent in the Czech Lands](#)

 **LINK:** [Brandeis/KAHAL Resources for Jewish Life in Prague](#)

Argentina

[IES Buenos Aires: Latin American Societies & Cultures](#)

[IFSA Semesters in Argentina, Buenos Aires](#)

Argentina has the sixth largest Jewish community in the world and the largest in Latin America. Argentina is accepting of religion, especially in a diverse city such as Buenos Aires, and freedom of worship is guaranteed by the Argentine Constitution. Most of the Jewish population is in Buenos Aires, historically in the Recoleta neighborhood; while not exclusively a Jewish neighborhood, Recoleta has a vibrant Jewish presence and offers several Jewish-related activities and attractions. The area is home to the Chabad Lubavitch of Recoleta, a significant Jewish center that serves the Jewish community and provides services like classes, religious holidays, and support for tourists.

Other links from IFSA Argentina:

- [Kosher Restaurants in Argentina](#)
- [Worship Options in Buenos Aires for Expats](#)

 LINK: [Brandeis/KAHAL Resources for Jewish Life in Buenos Aires](#)

Spain

[IES: Granada - Liberal Arts & Language](#)

Granada is a fascinating city in the south of Spain known for its blending of Moorish heritage, Jewish past, and its continuing links to North Africa. The IES Granada program offers a course specifically delving into this history, [RL/HS 372 - Memory and Identity of Sephardic Jews](#). This class is a historical, literary, sociological and anthropologic approach to the Jews of Iberian/Spanish origin, who were expelled from the Iberian Peninsula at the end of the Middle Ages, through their return 500+ years later. Granada is also only a train ride away from Cordoba where the [Casa de Sefarad](#) and [Synagogue de Cordoba](#) are.

[IES: Madrid - Business, Economics & Social Sciences](#) & [IES: Madrid - Engineering, Math & Science](#)

[Boston University: Madrid Science Semester](#)

Madrid has the largest Jewish community in Spain, made up of several warm, welcoming communities. Click the links to the programs above to learn more about the broad variety of academic needs that can be met in Madrid through the far-reaching course offerings with IES, their Spanish partner universities, and Boston University. Madrid is only a short train ride away from both Cordoba and Toledo where there are Jewish historical sites to visit (Cordoba [Casa de Sefarad](#), [Synagogue de Cordoba](#), Toledo's [synagogue](#) remaining from pre-inquisition times, and Toledo's [Sephardic Museum](#)).

 LINK: [Brandeis/KAHAL Resources for Jewish Life in Madrid](#)

Australia

[IFSA University of Sydney Partnership](#)

On this direct enroll study abroad program at Australia's oldest university (1850), and also one of the most highly ranked, one of your housing options is the Mandelbaum House, a kosher residential college (what the Australians call a residence hall/themed house) with roots in Jewish values yet accepts students of all religions.

 LINK: [Brandeis/KAHAL Resources for Jewish Life in Sydney](#)

[IFSA University of Melbourne Partnership](#)

Melbourne is home to Australia's largest Jewish community, and the University of Melbourne through IFSA offers you the chance to enroll in Australia's number one university, ideal for studying education, law, language, psychology, accounting, and finance, or following a premed track. You'll also find something new, with unique electives like street art.

 **LINK:** [Brandeis/KAHAL Resources for Jewish Life in Melbourne](#)

Austria

There are few European cities whose history is as closely connected with Jewish history as Vienna, marked by periods of flourishing community, persecution, and ultimately, a determined effort to rebuild and remember. At the turn of the 20th century, Vienna became a major center of Jewish culture, attracting intellectuals, artists, and thinkers like Sigmund Freud, Theodor Herzl, and Franz Kafka. Until 1938, Vienna had a flourishing Jewish community with dozens of synagogues and prayer houses, which suffered greatly through WWII; coming to terms with the largest crimes in the history of Vienna and Austria is a process that has lasted decades and is still not finished.

Since the Eighties (the [Jewish Welcome Service Vienna](#) was founded in 1980), the City of Vienna has made increased efforts to show the history and Jewish heritage in all its complexity.

The [IES: Vienna Music Program](#) offers several courses to students who want to earn more about this history, including:

- [HS/RL 312 - Coexistence and Conflict: The History of Eastern and Central European Jews](#)
- [LT 382 - Responses to the Holocaust in Literature](#)
- [HS/RL 311 - Nations and Religions: Majorities and Minorities in Modern Central and Eastern Europe](#)

Greece

College Year in Athens

Did you know that in the early 1900s, Thessaloniki (today Greece's second largest city) was home to a major Jewish community? Although the image of Greece projected through tourism is a homogenous one of blue skies, blue seas, and whitewashed island homes, Greece's modern history contains many different stories and many different peoples, religions, and cultures. The CYA program (which you can do for a semester or year) offers coursework in areas such as:

- [HIST 349: Alternative Histories: Jewish Greeks and The Modern Nation](#)
- [HIST/ARTH 347: The Worlds of Medieval Greece: Tracing Byzantine, Islamicate, Slavic, Jewish, and Frankish Heritages in the Aegean](#)

Additionally, an internship placement is available, and one location that past CYA students have interned is at the [Jewish Museum of Greece](#), whose purpose is to collect, preserve, and exhibit all elements of history, tradition, and culture of the Greek Jewish community. Students might help with archives, do some translating or transliterating, or work on research projects.

SIT Programs

The School for International Training (SIT) is known for their experiential, thematic, community-based learning semesters around the world, where your final five weeks are spent completing an Independent Study Project (ISP) on a topic of your choosing, or an internship in some locations. By [searching the SIT archive of past students' ISPs](#), you can see where students have done research on Jewish people, history, political engagement, peace processes and more on SIT programs around the world. Here are three of their programs that might be of interest to you:

- [SIT: Tunisia & Italy - Politics and Religious Integration in the Mediterranean](#)
- [SIT: Spain - Social Movements, Democracy, and Cultural Identity](#)
- [SIT: Morocco - Human Rights, Social Justice, and Cultural Transformation](#)

KAHAL

Wherever you choose to study, you may also wish to connect with [KAHAL: Your Community Abroad](#). KAHAL is an external organization which provides resources to students looking to be connected with a Jewish community abroad.

Below are some city-specific guides (PDFs) they have developed with resources for some popular study abroad destinations around the world, helping with everything from where you can go to celebrate holidays to Kosher restaurants.

[Buenos Aires](#)

[London](#)

[Prague](#)

[Copenhagen](#)

[Madrid](#)

[Rome](#)

[Dublin](#)

[Melbourne](#)

[Sydney](#)

[Hong Kong](#)

[Paris](#)

Although not listed in detail above, CC does also offer approved study abroad programs in Copenhagen (DIS), Dublin (IES and IFSA), London (IES and IFSA), Paris (CC in France/Blocks Abroad) and Rome (Temple University). See [the CC Global Education website](#) for more information.