The Ohio State University Melton Center was the first center for Jewish Studies at an American public university. The center develops, promotes, and supports teaching and research in Jewish Studies by faculty and students; actively encourages the study of all aspects of the Jewish experience; and sponsors educational programs that serve the public.

Young Scholars thrive at the Melton Center

SUPPORTING STUDENT SCHOLARS

The Melton Center offers generous scholarships, grants, and awards to high-achieving undergraduate and graduate students to encourage excellence in Jewish studies.

“The Melton Center provides students with a tremendous learning environment. It is because of the center’s investment in and commitment to education that students, like me, can pursue their dreams.” Tyler Yoder, 2011 Fellowship awardee.
OUR HISTORY

Jewish Studies at The Ohio State University comprises one of the largest and most diverse programs in the country, offering an impressive selection of courses, a multidisciplinary faculty, and a wide range of events. Melton faculty are internationally recognized in their respective fields, including History, Philosophy, Political Science, Music, English, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Germanic Languages and Literatures, Classics, Art, and Education. The Ohio State University has one of the largest Judaica library collections in the country, with a full-time Judaica librarian and over 300,000 volumes.

SUPPORT THE MELTON CENTER

Jewish Studies at American universities are on the front lines of the major issues facing the Jewish community:

- Jewish knowledge and identity
- Relations between Jews and the American majority culture
- Jewish continuity
- Israel and Zionism
- Ethics and morals
- Jewish responsibilities and responses toward a complex world

About 1,500 students from numerous backgrounds and orientations take Jewish Studies courses at Ohio State each year. The program prepares students to carry the lessons and values they learn here throughout their lives, and to create a positive impact on their future.

The Melton Center also sponsors students who wish to study abroad in Israel, Eastern Europe, and elsewhere. We offer graduate fellowships and student awards for excellent work. They enrich the campus and community by bringing outstanding scholars and programs.

RESOURCES

JUDAICA LIBRARY COLLECTIONS
One of the nation’s largest, with more than 300,000 volumes

TRAVEL GRANTS
Funds students majoring in Hebrew, Yiddish, or Jewish Studies to travel to Israel or elsewhere to pursue specialized Jewish Studies education

STUDENT INTERNSHIPS
Offered by Jewish community institutions

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES
Students participate in events and programs that engage the campus and greater Columbus community

“Our Jewish Studies Program is one of the largest and most respected programs in the United States, and our faculty members are internationally recognized scholars in their fields. Students choose our Jewish Studies Program for the variety of courses, the many events and the vibrant Jewish life at Ohio State and Columbus.”

{Matt Goldish, Director, Melton Center}