Mission Statement Draft

The mission of the B.A. in Jewish Studies is to create informed and engaged college graduates who are equipped to thoughtfully participate in and analyze their own communities as well as other societies globally. Courses in the department enable students to develop a strong foundation in the humanities, and to gain expertise in the analytical tools, critical thinking, and communication skills, of the workplace and social life in the twenty-first century. Students are trained in discipline-specific field techniques of one of the many disciplines that comprise and or intersect with Jewish Studies, including but not limited to the disciplines of history, media studies, comparative literature, religious studies, and anthropology. Consequently, the Department of Jewish Studies prepares students for graduate degrees in the humanities and employment in political, legal, and civic fields, journalism, publishing, communal organizations, and many other fields. Jewish Studies students not only learn about Jewish history and culture, but also about the experiences of ethnic and religious minorities in a variety of historic and geographic contexts, preparing them for an increasingly interconnected global workforce.