Jewish Studies (JEWISH)

Courses

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**JEWISH 39 Freshman and Sophomore Seminar 2 Units**
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020
Freshman and sophomore seminars offer lower division students the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member and a group of peers in a small-seminar setting. These seminars are offered in all campus departments; topics vary from department to department and from semester to semester.

Freshman and Sophomore Seminar: Read More [+ ]

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

**Summer:** 6 weeks - 4 hours of seminar per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Jewish Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final Exam To be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

Freshman and Sophomore Seminar: Read Less [- ]

**JEWISH 39O Freshman and Sophomore Seminar 1.5 - 4 Units**
Terms offered: Fall 2016
Freshman and sophomore seminars offer lower division students the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member and a group of peers in a small-seminar setting. These seminars are offered in all campus departments; topics vary from department to department and from semester to semester.

Freshman and Sophomore Seminar: Read More [+ ]

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:**
- 5 weeks - 3-12 hours of seminar per week
- 6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of seminar per week
- 8 weeks - 2-7.5 hours of seminar per week
- 10 weeks - 1.5-6 hours of seminar per week
- 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of seminar per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Jewish Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam not required.

Freshman and Sophomore Seminar: Read Less [- ]

**JEWISH 39Q Freshman and Sophomore Seminar 1.5 - 4 Units**
Terms offered: Spring 2017
Freshman and sophomore seminars offer lower division students the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member and a group of peers in a small-seminar setting. These seminars are offered in all campus departments; topics vary from department to department and from semester to semester.

Freshman and Sophomore Seminar: Read More [+ ]

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:**
- 5 weeks - 3-12 hours of seminar per week
- 6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of seminar per week
- 8 weeks - 2-7.5 hours of seminar per week
- 10 weeks - 1.5-6 hours of seminar per week
- 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of seminar per week

**Additional Details**

**Subject/Course Level:** Jewish Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam not required.

Freshman and Sophomore Seminar: Read Less [- ]
JEWS 98 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019
Organized group study on topics selected by upper division students under the sponsorship and direction of the Jewish Studies faculty.
Directed Group Study: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Freshman or sophomore standing
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week
Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5-7.5 hours of directed group study per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Jewish Studies/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.
Directed Group Study: Read Less [-]

JEWS 100 Introduction to Jewish Religion, Culture, and People 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Spring 2019
The course is intended to give Jewish studies minors a general introduction to the field through a survey of religious and cultural expressions of Jews across time and geographies. No previous knowledge of Judaism or Jewish Studies is necessary.
Introduction to Jewish Religion, Culture, and People: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture per week and 0-1 hours of discussion per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Jewish Studies/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Formerly known as: Jewish Studies 101
Introduction to Jewish Religion, Culture, and People: Read Less [-]

JEWS 120 Special Topics in Jewish Studies: Jewish Folklore 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019
Course will focus on specific areas or topics related to creative arts and literature in Jewish studies through a combination of lectures, term papers, and examinations. Instructors and topics to vary from semester to semester. Consult Jewish Studies website for updated course descriptions.
Special Topics in Jewish Studies: Jewish Folklore: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Jewish Studies/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.
Special Topics in Jewish Studies: Jewish Folklore: Read Less [-]

JEWS 120A Special Topics in Jewish Languages and Literature 3 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Not yet offered
Study of selected Jewish languages including Hebrew and Yiddish, and Jewish literature including prose, poetry, and drama, from various periods and geographic areas, in the context of time and place. Selections may vary from semester to semester depending on the interests and expertise of the instructor.
Special Topics in Jewish Languages and Literature: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Jewish Studies/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.
Special Topics in Jewish Languages and Literature: Read Less [-]
**JEWISH 121 Topics in Jewish Arts and Culture 4 Units**

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020
This course will address topics related to Jewish arts and culture with a format that includes lecture and lab hours.
Topics in Jewish Arts and Culture: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with advisor consent.

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of laboratory per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2 hours of laboratory per week

**Additional Details**

Subject/Course Level: Jewish Studies/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Spagnolo

Topics in Jewish Arts and Culture: Read Less [-]

**JEWISH 121B Arts and Culture in Israel 4 Units**

Terms offered: Spring 2020
This course will provide an overview of Israeli art and culture and its place within the international cultural world. We will examine museums, theatre, visual art, popular music, and cinema, as they reflect the multi-cultural and pluralistic Israeli society.

**Rules & Requirements**

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with advisor consent.

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

Subject/Course Level: Jewish Studies/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Rotem

Arts and Culture in Israel: Read Less [-]

**JEWISH 121A Topics in Arts and Culture 4 Units**

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Spring 2020
Course designed to permit regular and visiting faculty the flexibility to address topics that reflect their research interests and supplement regular curricular offerings. Consult department website each semester for specific descriptions.

Topics in Arts and Culture: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with advisor consent.

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 8-8 hours of lecture and 0-3 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

Subject/Course Level: Jewish Studies/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Rotem

Topics in Arts and Culture: Read Less [-]

**JEWISH 122 Topics in Judaism 3 - 4 Units**

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020
A course on trends in Jewish religious, cultural, and social life. The course will study innovative and conservative aspects of thought, ritual, and belief in relation to contemporary life and traditional Jewish values in at least one country other than the United States.

**Objectives & Outcomes**

Course Objectives: This course will offer an opportunity for students to gain familiarity with a spectrum of diverse approaches to Judaism. This will include participation in current debates on topics such as spirituality, secularism, social justice, and discrimination.

Student Learning Outcomes: Students will have a better understanding of the variety of Jewish responses to contemporary social, political, and cultural life. They will learn how historically salient issues, covered in other Jewish Studies courses, are being addressed by Jewish leaders and communities.

**Rules & Requirements**

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture per week

**Additional Details**

Subject/Course Level: Jewish Studies/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Topics in Judaism: Read Less [-]
JEWISH 122A Special Topics in Judaism 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020

A course on trends in Jewish religious, cultural, and social life. Our understanding of the Hebrew Bible has been transformed in recent years due to insights from literary criticism, anthropology, archaeology, and historiography. This course explores the impact of these innovations and provides a multilayered introduction to the writings of the Hebrew Bible, focused on the mingling of memory, religion, and the literary imagination.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Jewish Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructors: Alter, Hendel

JEWISH 123 Israeli Society: Social Structure, Inequality, and Political Cleavages 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2017

This course will map Israel’s social structure, identify its implications for social and economic inequality, and shed light on its role in structuring political loyalty, conflict and action. It will introduce students to relevant concepts and theories from sociology and political science, and findings from comparative research, that aid understanding of the Israeli case and place it in a broader perspective.

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: Expose students to a selection of research findings on specific sectors of society that shed light on their socioeconomic position, power resources, and characteristic forms of political action. Provide a comprehensive view of Israel’s social structure and its implications for both inequality and politics.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Jewish Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Shalev
**JEWISH 123A** Muslim-Jewish Encounters: From the Beginnings of Islam to Today 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Spring 2020

The course takes us far beyond contemporary tensions between Muslims and Jews, and deep into a more complicated history that spans the Mediterranean and beyond. We move through topics that include the earliest encounters between Muslims and Jews during the years of the rise of Islam; the historical impact and legacy of the dhimmi (the system of rights and restrictions that defined Jews’ status for centuries under Islamic rule); the culturally fruitful shared experience of Jews and Muslims in Medieval Spain and the Ottoman Empire; the effects of French, British, and Italian colonialism in the modern Middle East; and the important conflicts over Zionism and Arab nationalism during the past century.

Muslim-Jewish Encounters: From the Beginnings of Islam to Today: Read More [+]

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

**Summer:**
6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week
8 weeks - 6-6 hours of lecture and 0-1.5 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

Subject/Course Level: Jewish Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Katz

**JEWISH 175B** Jews in the Modern World 4 Units

Terms offered: Not yet offered

This course will examine the impact of modern intellectual, political, cultural, and social forces on the Jewish people since the eighteenth century. It is our aim to come to an understanding of how the Jews interpreted these forces and how and in what ways they adapted and utilized them to suit the Jewish experience. In other words, we will trace the way Jews became modern. Some of the topics to be covered include Emancipation, the Jewish Enlightenment, new Jewish religious movements, Jewish politics and culture, immigration, antisemitism, the Holocaust, and the state of Israel.

Jews in the Modern World: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for JEWISH 175B after completing HISTORY C175B. A deficient grade in JEWISH 175B may be removed by taking HISTORY 175B.

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

**Summer:**
6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-2.5 hours of discussion per week
8 weeks - 6-6 hours of lecture and 0-1.5 hours of discussion per week

**Additional Details**

Subject/Course Level: Jewish Studies/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Efron

Jews in the Modern World: Read Less [-]
**JEWISH 178 History of the Holocaust 4 Units**

Terms offered: Not yet offered

This course will survey the historical events and intellectual developments leading up to and surrounding the destruction of European Jewry during World War II. By reading a mixture of primary and secondary sources we will examine the Shoah (the Hebrew word for the Holocaust) against the backdrop of modern Jewish and modern German history. The course is divided into three main parts: (1) the historical background up to 1933; (2) the persecution of the Jews and the beginnings of mass murder, 1933-1941; and (3) the industrialized murder of the Jews, 1942-1945.

History of the Holocaust: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for JEWISH 178 after completing HISTORY 178. A deficient grade in JEWISH 178 may be removed by taking HISTORY 178.

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

Summer:
6 weeks - 7.5-7.5 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week
8 weeks - 5.5-5.5 hours of lecture and 0-1 hours of discussion per week

History of the Holocaust: Read Less [-]

**JEWISH 198 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units**

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018

Organized group study on topics selected by upper division students under the sponsorship and direction of the Jewish Studies faculty.

Directed Group Study: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

Prerequisites: Junior or senior standing

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5-7.5 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level**: Jewish Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status**: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Directed Group Study: Read Less [-]

**JEWISH 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units**

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019

Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-3 hours of independent study per week

**Subject/Course Level**: Jewish Studies/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status**: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read Less [-]

**JEWISH 200 Advanced Topics in Jewish Studies 4 Units**

Terms offered: Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018

Graduate seminar will focus on specific areas or topics in Jewish studies through a combination of close reading of texts, student presentation, and informal lectures. Instructors and topics to vary semester to semester. Consult department website for updated course descriptions.

Advanced Topics in Jewish Studies: Read More [+]

**Rules & Requirements**

Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

**Hours & Format**

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

**Subject/Course Level**: Jewish Studies/Graduate

**Grading**: Letter grade.

Advanced Topics in Jewish Studies: Read Less [-]
JEWISH 290 Modern Jewish Scholarship: History and Practice 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Spring 2020
This seminar, specifically designed as the ‘integrative course’ for students pursuing the Designated Emphasis in Jewish Studies, will offer an in-depth introduction to some of the central trends and personalities in modern Jewish historiography. We will read (and read about) the founders of modern Jewish historiography, and then explore some contemporary trends in Jewish scholarship, according to the disciplinary affiliations of the students in the class. Students will need to write a 5000-word article to complete the course, using a bibliography that includes Jewish Studies materials. A subject-relevant seminar paper from another course may be used to fulfill this requirement, subject to approval by Jewish Studies faculty.
Modern Jewish Scholarship: History and Practice: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: This is the required integrative course for doctoral students pursuing the Designated Emphasis in Jewish Studies. It is open to other doctoral students by permission of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Jewish Studies/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Efron
Modern Jewish Scholarship: History and Practice: Read Less [-]

JEWISH 296 Jewish Studies DE Dissertation Research and Writing Credit 1 - 12 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2021, Fall 2010, Spring 2010
The course is offered to graduate students in the Designated Emphasis (DE) in Jewish studies to provide course credit for conducting dissertation research and dissertation writing, only after the student has successfully advanced to candidacy.
Jewish Studies DE Dissertation Research and Writing Credit: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Advancement to doctoral candidacy
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-12 hours of independent study per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Jewish Studies/Graduate
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.
Instructor: Kronfeld
Jewish Studies DE Dissertation Research and Writing Credit: Read Less [-]

JEWISH 299 Individual Study and Research - Jewish Studies 1 - 5 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2014, Fall 2012
Topics and instructors will vary depending upon area of study. Special individual study for qualified graduate students only. Individual study and research, including fieldwork, in consultation with instructor on subject matter not covered in scheduled course offerings.
Individual Study and Research - Jewish Studies: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Graduation and consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-5 hours of independent study per week
Summer: 8 weeks - 1.5-9 hours of independent study per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Jewish Studies/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Kronfeld
Individual Study and Research - Jewish Studies: Read Less [-]

JEWISH 602 Jewish Studies DE Exam Preparation 1 - 8 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2012, Fall 2011, Spring 2011
The course is offered to graduate students in the Designated Emphasis (DE) in Jewish studies to provide opportunities for directed qualifying exam preparation prior to advancement to candidacy.
Jewish Studies DE Exam Preparation: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Advancement to doctoral candidacy
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-12 hours of independent study per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Jewish Studies/Graduate examination preparation
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.
Instructor: Kronfeld
Jewish Studies DE Exam Preparation: Read Less [-]