Courses

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JEWISH 39 Freshman and Sophomore Seminar 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021
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 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 [-]
JEWISH 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 [-]

JEWISH 100 Introduction to Jewish Religion, Culture, and People 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023
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 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 [-]

JEWISH 120 Special Topics in Jewish Studies 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022
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: 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: Read Less [-]

JEWISH 120A Special Topics in Jewish Languages and Literature 3 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023
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: Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023
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 121A Topics in Arts and Culture 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2023, Fall 2021, Spring 2021
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 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

Topics in Arts and Culture: Read Less [-]

JEWISH 122 Topics in Judaism 3 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Spring 2022
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.

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.
Instructor: Rotem

Topics in Judaism: Read Less [-]
JEWISH 122A Special Topics in Judaism 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021
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

Special Topics in Judaism: Read Less [-]

JEWISH 123 Israeli Society: Social Structure, Inequality, and Political Cleavages 3 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2023, Fall 2022, 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

Israeli Society: Social Structure, Inequality, and Political Cleavages: Read Less [-]
JEWISH 125 Muslim-Jewish Encounters: From the Beginnings of Islam to Today 4 Units
Terms offered: Not yet offered
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
Formerly known as: Jewish Studies 123A

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

JEWISH 175B Jews in the Modern World 4 Units
Terms offered: Prior to 2007
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 175E History of Modern Israel: From the Emergence of Zionism to Our Time 4 Units
Terms offered: Not yet offered
The class explores the history of the Zionist movement and the State of Israel in all its complexity and contradictions. What is Zionism? What are its roots? Is it a liberation movement? A religious cause? A colonial ideology? A set of state policies? And what is the relationship between Zionism and the modern State of Israel? How do Zionism and Israel look different when considered from the standpoint of Jewish, Palestinian, European, or Middle Eastern history? Exploring Zionism and Israel from its roots in the nineteenth century to the present, this class offers in-depth knowledge and discussion on all of these topics and more.
History of Modern Israel: From the Emergence of Zionism to Our Time: 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 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. Alternative to final exam.
History of Modern Israel: From the Emergence of Zionism to Our Time: Read Less [-]

JEWISH 178 History of the Holocaust 4 Units
Terms offered: Prior to 2007
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

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Jewish Studies/Undergraduate
Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.
Instructor: Efron
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
Subject matter will vary with topics related to Jewish Studies
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
Additional Details
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
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Jewish Studies/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Efron
Advanced Topics in Jewish Studies: Read Less [-]

JEWISH 290 Modern Jewish Scholarship: History and Practice 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2023, Fall 2021, Spring 2021
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 2011, 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: Graduate standing 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.
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.
Jewish Studies DE Exam Preparation: Read Less [-]