Courses

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.

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.
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.

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 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 102 Elementary Judeo-Spanish 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024
Judeo-Spanish, or Ladino, is the linguistic legacy of the Jews expelled from Spain and Portugal in the late fifteenth century. In this translation-driven course, students will learn to read and analyze Judeo-Spanish literary and cultural texts. Combining language instruction with literary/cultural studies, this fast-paced course exposes students to Sephardic culture in the longue durée, including Hispano-Jewish poetry, Moroccan balladry, liturgical texts from Amsterdam, Ottoman-era memoir, Holocaust testimony from the Balkans, and Jewish-American reportage and satire. Depending on course composition, students will have the opportunity to practice basic conversational skills. No knowledge of Hebrew or a Romance language required. Elementary Judeo-Spanish: Read More [+]

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

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. Final exam required.

JEWISH 110 Special Topics in American Jewish Studies 3 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024
This course is designed primarily to allow faculty to develop focused interdisciplinary courses which address specific issues, themes, or problems in American Jewish politics, culture, and society. Topics may vary from semester to semester. Students should consult the department's webpage for current offerings before the start of the semester. Special Topics in American Jewish Studies: Read More [+]

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

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-4 hours of lecture per week
Summer: 8 weeks - 6-8 hours of lecture per week

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

Special Topics in American Jewish Studies: 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: Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Spring 2022

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 and 0-1 hours of discussion 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 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

JEWISH 122 Topics in Judaism 3 - 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023
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 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: 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.
Israël Society: Social Structure, Inequality, and Political Cleavages: Read More [+]

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 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.

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: Prior to 2007
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 179 Holocaust Perspectives: Catastrophe, Memory & Narrative 4 Units  
Terms offered: Spring 2024  
This course will examine comparative responses to and representations of violent conflict. We will pay attention to how catastrophic events are productive of new forms of expression--oral, written, and visual--as well as destructive of familiar ones. We will examine the ways in which experience and its representation interact during and in the aftermath of extreme violence. Our empirical cases will be drawn from our research on responses to WWII atrocities, and on the post-Cold War civil wars in Africa. Holocaust Perspectives: Catastrophe, Memory & Narrative: Read More [+]

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: Tansman

Holocaust Perspectives: Catastrophe, Memory & Narrative: 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.

Instructor: Efron

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.

Instructor: Tansman

Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read Less [-]

Holocaust Perspectives: Catastrophe, Memory & Narrative: Read Less [-]
JEWISH 200 Advanced Topics in Jewish Studies 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2020, Spring 2019
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.  
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.  
Instructor: Efron  
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 [-]