

JUDAIC STUDIES PROGRAM (JUDS)

JUDS 177 The Holocaust in Literature and Film

Crosslisted with: FILM 177

Description: Experience of Jews in Europe from 1933-1945. Issues of racism and religious prejudice and assumptions about humanism, tolerance and progress.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

JUDS 205 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament

Crosslisted with: RELG 205

Description: Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament in translation. History, culture and religion of Ancient Israel as it is reflected in the biblical books and the archeological record.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Prerequisite for: JUDS 308, RELG 308

ACE: ACE 5 Humanities

JUDS 209 Judaism and Christianity in Conflict and Coexistence

Crosslisted with: RELG 209

Description: The history of Jewish-Christian relations from the birth of Christianity until the present. Readings from primary and secondary sources as written by Jewish and Christian authors.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

JUDS 217 Israel: The Holy Land

Crosslisted with: HIST 217, RELG 217

Description: Survey of the history of the Land of Israel from Biblical times to the present. Includes Roman and Byzantine rule, the Crusades, Islamic Palestine, Zionism and the modern state of Israel, and the religious importance of the land for Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

JUDS 219 Introduction to Jewish History

Crosslisted with: HIST 219, RELG 219

Description: Survey of the history of the Jewish people from Biblical times to the present. The Old Testament, Ancient Israel, the Talmud, the relationship to Christianity and Islam, persecution and self-government in the middle ages, Jewish philosophy and mysticism, emancipation, modern anti-Semitism, the Holocaust, Zionism, the modern state of Israel, and the Jewish experience in America.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

JUDS 245J Jewish-American Literature

Crosslisted with: ENGL 245J

Description: Twentieth and twenty-first century literature by major Jewish-American authors.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity ACE 5 Humanities

JUDS 308 Dead Sea Scrolls

Crosslisted with: RELG 308

Prerequisites: JUDS/RELG 205 or permission.

Description: Dead Sea Scrolls, including the history and thought of the Qumran inhabitants, the archaeology of Qumran, and the corpus of the Scrolls. Concentration on the reading of selected primary texts from the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

JUDS 313 Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict

Crosslisted with: HIST 313

Description: Traces the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict from the 19th century up to the present. Explores the role of ideology, political actors, social history, economic and infrastructural problems, and regional and international interaction, as well as prospects for peace in the 21st century. Examines the related historiographical debates, especially those focusing on the Arab-Israeli Wars of 1948 and 1967.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

JUDS 331 Ancient Israel

Crosslisted with: RELG 331, HIST 331, CLAS 331

Prerequisites: Sophomore standing.

Description: The cultural, social, and religious institutions of Ancient Israel from their antecedents in the Late Bronze Age until the Great Jewish Revolt and the beginning of Rabbinic Judaism. Literary works and material remains of the Israelites, and evidence from surrounding cultures.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL/SPR

JUDS 332 Jews in the Middle Ages

Crosslisted with: RELG 332, HIST 332, MRST 332

Prerequisites: Sophomore standing

Notes: Pre-1800 content.

Description: Traces the emergence and development of a distinctive Jewish culture and identity in medieval Europe and in the regions bordering the Mediterranean sea from the birth of rabbinic Judaism under the Roman empire until the seventeenth century orthodox synthesis of Talmudic learning, Kabbalah, and custom and Jewish responses to the Enlightenment. Includes interaction of Jews with majority cultures (including the development of anti-Semitism), and the impact of Jews and Jewish learning upon western culture.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL/SPR

JUDS 333 Jews in the Modern World

Crosslisted with: HIST 333, RELG 333

Prerequisites: Sophomore, junior, or senior standing.

Description: Examines the history of the Jewish people since the 18th century with geographical foci on Europe, North America, and the Middle East. Emphasis on the Jewish Enlightenment, emancipation and assimilation, anti-Semitism, migration to and adaptation in America, Zionism and the modern state of Israel.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

JUDS 334 Jews, Christians and the Bible

Crosslisted with: RELG 334

Description: Jewish and Christian interpretations of the Hebrew Bible and/or Old Testament from 400 BCE to 1800 CE. Readings from the Dead Sea Scrolls and the New Testament, the Church Fathers and the Talmud, medieval and early modern Christian and Jewish biblical commentators.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

JUDS 339 The Holocaust

Crosslisted with: HIST 339, HIST 839

Prerequisites: Sophomore standing

Description: Study of the systematic persecution and mass murder of Jews by Nazi Germany and its allies. Focus is on the Holocaust's impact on Jewish communities but also discusses the persecution of other targeted groups. Additional sub-topics include the history of antisemitism, the Nazi regime, the broader context of World War II, and the far-reaching consequences of this genocide. Events are analyzed from the perspectives of victims, perpetrators, bystanders, resisters, and rescuers.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

JUDS 340 Women in the Biblical World

Crosslisted with: RELG 340, WMNS 340

Description: Role and status of women as depicted in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and the New Testament. The stories and laws concerning women found in the Bible and from extra-biblical evidence.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

JUDS 350 Literature of Judaism

Description: Examination of some principal texts in Jewish religion and philosophy from Biblical times to the 18th Century Enlightenment. The Hebrew Bible, and different approaches to it, as well as portions of the Talmud and the formation of rabbinic Judaism. Writings by philosophers including Maimonides, Saadia, and others, along with narratives, poetry and legends from the 17th and 18th Centuries, which saw the development of Hasidism as well as the emergence of rationalist philosophies.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

JUDS 378 Politics of Antisemitism

Crosslisted with: POLS 378

Description: A multidimensional survey of the history of local and global antisemitism, look at the calamity of the Holocaust, the creation and challenges of Israel, and current antisemitic attitudes in Nebraska, the US, and the world.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

Offered: FALL/SPR

JUDS 387 Women Totalitarian Experience: Culture, Identity and Memory

Crosslisted with: CZEC 387, GERM 387, WMNS 387

Notes: Taught in English.

Description: Examination of complexities of women's experience under Nazism and Communism of Central and Eastern Europe.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

Offered: FALL

ACE: ACE 5 Humanities

JUDS 391 Special Topics in Jewish Studies

Prerequisites: Permission.

Description: Topics vary.

Credit Hours: 1-3

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

JUDS 396 Independent Study in Jewish Studies

Prerequisites: Permission.

Notes: Letter grade only.

Description: Independent reading or research.

Credit Hours: 1-3

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

JUDS 406 Second Temple Judaism

Crosslisted with: RELG 406, RELG 806

Description: An in-depth study of the literature, history and culture of Judea and the Jews in the Second Temple period, from 550 BCE to 70 CE. Readings include apocalyptic texts, Wisdom literature, and selections from the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Prerequisite for: JUDS 308, RELG 308

JUDS 476 Ethnic Conflict and Identity

Crosslisted with: POLS 476, POLS 876

Description: Theories of nationalism and ethnic conflict. Case studies of Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. The post-Cold War era as multi-polar and multi-civilizational. The states and different cultures that compete for influence and authority to dominate the "New World order." The division of the world along ethnic, religious, and class lines rather than by ideology. The future of international politics and the reassessment of the causes of "conflicts of culture" and their containment.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

JUDS 477 Israel and the Middle East

Crosslisted with: POLS 477, POLS 877

Description: Israeli politics, society, and relations with its neighbors, particularly the Palestinians. Rise of Zionism and the Palestinian response to it; wars between Israel and Arab neighbors, and the eventual peace agreements between the two; the internal dynamics of Israeli political life; and state of Zionism today.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option