

JEWISH STUDIES

Not all courses are offered every semester. Refer to the schedule of courses for each term's specific offerings.

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Courses at the University of Florida, with the exception of specific foreign language courses and courses in the online Master of Arts in Mass Communication program, are taught in English.

Center Information

The Center for Jewish Studies promotes academic study of Jewish culture, history, and politics for all students at the University of Florida. The Center's curriculum encourages critical thinking, textual analysis, research, oral argumentation, and writing. The Center has scholarship opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students, as well as study abroad opportunities.

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Curriculum

- European Jewish Studies Certificate
- Holocaust Studies Certificate
- Jewish Studies
- Jewish Studies Minor

Courses

AML 4685 Race and Ethnicity 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Variable topics examine issues, movements, forms or themes related to race and ethnicity in American literature. Topics may include Pacific Rim cultures in America, Chicano-Latino literature, the Black Arts Movement, constructing Native America, border-crossing and migration, post-war Jewish fiction, literature and the psychology of prejudice, comparative representations of racial and ethnic experience, representing whiteness, literatures of assimilation and multi-racial identities.

ANT 3241 Anthropology of Religion 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Cross-cultural survey of beliefs and practices dealing with the supernatural, magic, and religion. Conceptualization of the supernatural. Sacred specialists, their function, and social position. Theories of comparative religion in light of anthropological data. (S and D)

Attributes: General Education - Diversity, General Education - Social Science

CPO 4000 Selected Studies in Comparative Politics 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Variable topics in comparative politics; precise course content will be announced in advance. (S and N)

Attributes: General Education - International, General Education - Social Science

ENG 4135 National Cinemas 4 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Variable topics study of the films of historically important national cinemas, such as American, French, German, Italian, Russian, Japanese.

EUH 3033 History of the Holocaust 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Origins of anti-Semitism in central Europe and the execution of the Holocaust by Nazi Germany. Examines the ideology of the Nazi leaders and the role of the SS, Army, Police, and ordinary citizens in perpetrating genocide. (H and N) (WR)

Attributes: General Education - Humanities, General Education - International, Satisfies 4000 Words of Writing Requirement

EUH 4464 Twentieth Century Germany 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Collapse of the monarchy and tribulations of the Weimar Republic. Examines Hitler's seizure of power, and of social, political, and ideological aspects of the Third Reich. The two Germanies to the fall of the Berlin Wall. (H and N) (WR)

Attributes: General Education - Humanities, General Education - International, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement

HBR 1130 Beginning Modern Hebrew 1 5 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Beginning Hebrew covers four skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. For those with no prior exposure to the language.

HBR 1131 Beginning Modern Hebrew 2 5 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Continues beginning Hebrew, covering four skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Prerequisite: HBR 1130 with minimum grade of C or S, or the equivalent.

HBR 2220 Intermediate Modern Hebrew 1 4 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Intermediate Hebrew study covers four skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing with new vocabulary and grammar.

Prerequisite: HBR 1131 with minimum grade of C or S, or the equivalent.

HBR 2221 Intermediate Modern Hebrew 2 4 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Continues intermediate Hebrew covering four skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Prerequisite: HBR 2220 with minimum grade of C or S, or the equivalent.

HBR 3410 Advanced Modern Hebrew 1 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Advanced study of the four skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing with attention to more complex structures. (H and N)

Prerequisite: HBR 2220 or HBR 2133 with minimum grade of C or S, or the equivalent.

Attributes: General Education - Humanities, General Education - International

HBR 3411 Advanced Modern Hebrew 2 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Continues advanced Hebrew study of the four skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing with attention to more complex structures. (H and N)

Prerequisite: HBR 3410 with minimum grade of C or S, or the equivalent.

Attributes: General Education - Humanities, General Education - International

HBR 4905 Individual Work 1-5 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Individual work on an approved topic.

Prerequisite: refer to the department.

HBR 4930 Special Topics 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Proseminar of variable content providing an opportunity for in-depth study of special topics in Israeli literature, history, or culture.

HBT 3563 Women in Modern Hebrew Fiction 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Depictions of women in 20th century Hebrew fiction.

JST 2841 Women and Politics in Israel 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Analyzes women's roles both as political agents and as objects of political policies and movements. Examines Israeli female politicians and judges as political actors, and as both subjects and objects of state policy.

JST 2930 Special Topics in Jewish Studies 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Selected topics in the study of Jewish civilization.

JST 3821 Israeli Society 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Introduces major themes in dynamics of contemporary Israeli society. Juxtaposition of the different subjective points of view and motivations of the various actors involved.

Prerequisite: sophomore standing or higher.**JST 3845 Israelis and Palestinians 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Discussion of Israeli-Palestinian interactions with a focus on the way collective identities are shaped by the conflict. Historically outlines development of the conflict from the beginning of the Zionist immigration to Palestine to present day and includes thematic analysis of its sociological dynamics.

Prerequisite: sophomore standing or higher.**JST 3930 Special Topics in Jewish Studies 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Variable topics in Jewish thought, history, literature and culture as represented in classified Jewish texts, Jewish law, Jewish ethics, folklore, Hasidism and Holocaust literature. (WR)

Attributes: Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement**JST 4905 Individual Work in Jewish Studies 1-3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

For advanced students who desire supplemental reading or research under guidance.

JST 4936 Colloquium in Jewish Studies 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Colloquium in Jewish studies designed to enhance knowledge of the development and significance of Jewish civilization.

Prerequisite: REL 2600 or the equivalent, junior or senior standing and instructor permission.**JST 4940 Internship in Jewish Studies 1-6 Credits****Grading Scheme:** S/U

Preapproved internship with Jewish communal, educational or service institutions. Only 3 credits of JST 4940 can count toward a Jewish studies major or minor. (S-U)

Prerequisite: REL 2600 or the equivalent, junior/senior standing and instructor permission.**JST 4970 Senior Honors Thesis 1-3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Directed research leading to submission of an honors thesis. Work completed under the supervision of a Jewish studies faculty member. Students can register for one semester (3 credits) or two (1 and 2 credits respectively). Required for magna or summa cum laude designation.

LIT 3173 Jewish Literature 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Variable topics in the Jewish literary experience, from the biblical narrative and classical tales to Yiddish and Hebrew literature, the modern European novel, and American Jewish fiction. (H and N)

Attributes: General Education - Humanities, General Education - International**MUH 3621 Jewish Art Music in Western Culture 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Cultural history of western art music inspired by Jewish subjects, Biblical and non-Biblical, composed by both Jewish and non-Jewish composers, and a survey of Jewish performing musicians from the Renaissance to the present. (H and N)

Prerequisite: written instructor permission.**Attributes:** General Education - Humanities, General Education - International**POS 4291 Religion and Politics in the United States 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Investigates the role of religious institutions, values and communities in contemporary American political life. (WR)

Prerequisite: refer to the department.**Attributes:** Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 2000 Introduction to Religion 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Introduces the historical underpinnings, geographical movement, development and current expression of a variety of religious traditions.

REL 2104 Environmental Ethics 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Explores competing secular and religious views regarding human impacts on and moral responsibilities toward nature and of the key thinkers and social movements in contention over them. (H) (WR)

Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 2000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 2210 Hebrew Scriptures 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

History, literature, and beliefs of the Israelites from the Biblical text in the light of modern scholarship. (H)

Attributes: General Education - Humanities**REL 2388 Indigenous Religions of the Americas 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Religious values, attitudes, and norms of Native American peoples within the United States. (H) (WR)

Attributes: General Education - Diversity, General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 4000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 2600 Jews, Judaism, and Jewishness 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Multidisciplinary approach to the Jewish experience from its Biblical origins to modern times.

REL 3213 Hebrew Bible as Literature 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Intensive introduction to the literary study of the Hebrew Bible within the context of ancient Near Eastern literature and history.

REL 3234 Wisdom in the Hebrew Bible 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines ancient Israelite and early Jewish wisdom literature alongside similar literature from ancient Mesopotamia and Egypt.

REL 3291 Gender and the Hebrew Bible 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Critical examination of the literary representation and historical realities of gender and sexuality in ancient Israel through close readings of selected texts from the Hebrew Bible.

REL 3321 Early Judaism and Christianity 3 Credits**Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines the Jewish-Christian encounter. The historical interaction between Judaism and Christianity including how each group symbolized the other, and the practical implications of the representations. (H and N) (WR)

Attributes: General Education - Humanities, General Education - International, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 3938 Special Topics in Religion 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Special topics in religion. (H) (WR)

Attributes: General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 4092 Ethics, Utopias and Dystopias 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Examines relationships between ethics and utopias in literature, religious communities, and millenarian movements. (H) (WR)

Prerequisite: instructor permission.**Attributes:** General Education - Humanities, Satisfies 2000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 4209 Dead Sea Scrolls and Early Jewish Literature 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Explores the varieties of literature that arose within Judaism from 250 BCE to 220 CE, including selections from the Dead Sea Scrolls, the OT Pseudepigrapha, Philo, and Josephus. (H)

Prerequisite: refer to the department.**Attributes:** General Education - Humanities**REL 4221 The Pentateuch 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

In-depth study of the Pentateuch (Genesis-Deuteronomy) in light of modern biblical scholarship.

Prerequisite: instructor permission.**REL 4490 Special Topics in Religious Thought 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Special topics in religious thought. (WR)

Attributes: Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement**REL 4611 Israelite Religion 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Comparative survey of literary, historical, ritual, and material aspects of ancient Israelite religion with evidence from Canaan, Mesopotamia, Greece, and Rome.

Prerequisite: instructor permission.**REL 4936 Special Topics in Religious Studies 3 Credits****Grading Scheme:** Letter Grade

Advanced study for those with proper preparation of selected topics involving one or more religious traditions. (WR)

Attributes: Satisfies 6000 Words of Writing Requirement