

JEWISH STUDIES

Course Search

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.

Courses

- AML 4685 Race and Ethnicity** **3 Credits**
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**
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)
General Education - Diversity
General Education - Social Science
- CPO 4000 Selected Studies in Comparative Politics** **3 Credits**
Variable topics in comparative politics; precise course content will be announced in advance. (S and N)
General Education - International
General Education - Social Science
- ENG 4135 National Cinemas** **4 Credits**
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**
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)
General Education - Humanities
General Education - International
WR4
- EUH 4464 Twentieth Century Germany** **3 Credits**
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)
General Education - Humanities
General Education - International
WR6
- HBR 1130 Beginning Modern Hebrew 1** **5 Credits**
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**
Continues beginning Hebrew, covering four skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.
Prereq: HBR 1130 with minimum grade of C or S, or the equivalent
- HBR 2220 Intermediate Modern Hebrew 1** **4 Credits**
Intermediate Hebrew study covers four skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing with new vocabulary and grammar.
Prereq: HBR 1131 with minimum grade of C or S, or the equivalent
- HBR 2221 Intermediate Modern Hebrew 2** **4 Credits**
Continues intermediate Hebrew covering four skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.
Prereq: HBR 2220 with minimum grade of C or S, or the equivalent
- HBR 3410 Advanced Modern Hebrew 1** **3 Credits**
Advanced study of the four skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing with attention to more complex structures. (H and N)
Prereq: HBR 2220 or HBR 2133 with minimum grade of C or S, or the equivalent
General Education - Humanities
General Education - International
- HBR 3411 Advanced Modern Hebrew 2** **3 Credits**
Continues advanced Hebrew study of the four skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing with attention to more complex structures. (H and N)
Prereq: HBR 3410 with minimum grade of C or S, or the equivalent
General Education - Humanities
General Education - International
- HBR 4905 Individual Work** **1-5 Credits**
Individual work on an approved topic.
Prereq: refer to the department
- HBR 4930 Special Topics** **3 Credits**
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**
Depictions of women in 20th century Hebrew fiction.
General Education - Humanities
General Education - International
- JST 2841 Women and Politics in Israel** **3 Credits**
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**
Selected topics in the study of Jewish civilization.
- JST 3821 Israeli Society** **3 Credits**
Introduces major themes in dynamics of contemporary Israeli society. Juxtaposition of the different subjective points of view and motivations of the various actors involved.
Prereq: sophomore standing
- JST 3845 Israelis and Palestinians** **3 Credits**
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.
Prereq: sophomore standing

- JST 3930 Special Topics in Jewish Studies** 3 Credits
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)
WR6
- JST 4905 Individual Work in Jewish Studies** 1-3 Credits
For advanced students who desire supplemental reading or research under guidance.
- JST 4936 Colloquium in Jewish Studies** 3 Credits
Colloquium in Jewish studies designed to enhance knowledge of the development and significance of Jewish civilization.
Prereq: REL 2600 or the equivalent, junior or senior standing and instructor permission
- JST 4940 Internship in Jewish Studies** 1-6 Credits
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)
Prereq: REL 2600 or the equivalent, junior/senior standing and instructor permission
- JST 4970 Senior Honors Thesis** 1-3 Credits
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
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)
General Education - Humanities
General Education - International
- MUH 3621 Jewish Art Music in Western Culture** 3 Credits
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)
Prereq: written instructor permission
General Education - Humanities
General Education - International
- POS 4291 Religion and Politics in the United States** 3 Credits
Investigates the role of religious institutions, values and communities in contemporary American political life. (WR)
Prereq: refer to the department
WR6
- REL 2000 Introduction to Religion** 3 Credits
Introduces the historical underpinnings, geographical movement, development and current expression of a variety of religious traditions.
General Education - Humanities
- REL 2104 Environmental Ethics** 3 Credits
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)
General Education - Humanities
WR2
- REL 2210 Hebrew Scriptures** 3 Credits
History, literature, and beliefs of the Israelites from the Biblical text in the light of modern scholarship. (H)
General Education - Humanities
- REL 2388 Indigenous Religions of the Americas** 3 Credits
Religious values, attitudes, and norms of Native American peoples within the United States. (H) (WR)
General Education - Diversity
General Education - Humanities
WR4
- REL 2600 Introduction to Judaism** 3 Credits
Multidisciplinary approach to the Jewish experience from its Biblical origins to modern times.
General Education - Humanities
General Education - International
- REL 3213 Hebrew Bible as Literature** 3 Credits
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
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
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
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)
General Education - Humanities
General Education - International
WR6
- REL 3938 Special Topics in Religion** 3 Credits
Special topics in religion. (H) (WR)
General Education - Humanities
WR6
- REL 4092 Ethics, Utopias and Dystopias** 3 Credits
Examines relationships between ethics and utopias in literature, religious communities, and millenarian movements. (H) (WR)
Prereq: instructor permission
General Education - Humanities
WR2
- REL 4209 Dead Sea Scrolls and Early Jewish Literature** 3 Credits
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)
Prereq: refer to the department
General Education - Humanities
- REL 4221 The Pentateuch** 3 Credits
In-depth study of the Pentateuch (Genesis-Deuteronomy) in light of modern biblical scholarship.
Prereq: instructor permission
- REL 4490 Special Topics in Religious Thought** 3 Credits
Special topics in religious thought. (WR)
WR6
- REL 4611 Israelite Religion** 3 Credits
Comparative survey of literary, historical, ritual, and material aspects of ancient Israelite religion with evidence from Canaan, Mesopotamia, Greece, and Rome.
Prereq: instructor permission

REL 4936 Special Topics in Religious Studies **3 Credits**

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

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