



Israel Studies Course Announcements for Fall 2009

Israeli Society (SOCY 340/640, meets with SIS 319.009/619.009) M/Th 3:35-4:50 p.m.

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This course explores the emergence of Israeli society and its changes over time. It reviews Israel's ideological and political foundations, the centrality of immigration, the emergence of Arab minorities and Jewish ethnic divisions, and assesses political, economic, religious, and family patterns within the broader Jewish and Palestinian communities.

Minorities in the Middle East and North Africa (SIS 319.010/619.010, meets with SOCY 396-696) M/Th 9:55-11:10 a.m.

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This course focuses on the ethnic, religious, national, linguistic, and political minorities in the countries of the Middle East and North Africa, including minority groups within Islam. It will discuss the background and situation of various minorities in the area, and their roles in the politics and social structures of the societies in which they live, as well as their movement and diaspora status in the world.

History of Israel (HIS 343) W 11:20-2:00 p.m.

This course traces the development of modern political Zionism in nineteenth-century Europe; the historical background leading to the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948; and the history of Israel since then, including patterns of Jewish immigration and its relationship to the Arab world.

Opportunities for Israel Studies Minors and Jewish Studies Majors/Minors: Study with Dr. Calvin Goldscheider

(Permission required by both instructor and director.)

Independent Reading (JWST-390) Students pursue independent reading programs in the area of Israel or Jewish Studies.

Independent Study (JWST-490) Students research issues related to Israel or Jewish Studies.

Additional Opportunity

Internship (JWST-491) Students have the opportunity to enrich their organizational skills and gain experience in community relations, religious, Israel-centered, or social welfare agencies.

Courses listed are part of the minor in Israel Studies.

See <http://www.american.edu/israelstudies/whatsnew> and click on Israel Studies Minor.

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