

Spring 2012 Courses



שפייז וועט געווינען דיא קריעג!

איהר קומט אהער צו געפינען פרייהייט.
יעצט מוזט איהר העלפען זיא צו בעשיצען
מיר מוזען דיא עלליים פערוארגען מיט וויין.

לאזט קיין זאך ניט גיין אין ניוועיז



יוניטעד סטייטס שפייז פערואאלטונג.

Jewish Studies

JWST-205.G2:2 Ancient and Medieval Jewish Civilization

MTH 1:10 – 2:25 p.m.

Randall Geller, Professorial Lecturer, History Department

Examines the independent Jewish states that flourished in Palestine, the rise of the most important Jewish communities outside the ancient Jewish homeland, and the foreign influences that shaped not only the political life of the Jews but also their internal organization and their creativity.

JWST-210 .G2:2 Voices of Modern Jewish Literature

MW 6:45- 8:00 p.m.

David Solomon, Professorial Lecturer, Jewish Studies

Explores a variety of literary works analyzing the historical experience of modern Jewish communities in Europe, as well as the United States and Israel, emphasizing how migration, racism, industrialization, and political change affected these Jews and their Judaism.

History

HIST-245 Modern Jewish Civilization

TF 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Randall Geller, Professorial Lecturer, History Department

Surveys Jewish responses to the challenges of modernity. Examines the creation of new Jewish communities in America and Israel, shifts in Jewish political status, and innovations in Jewish religious and intellectual history such as Zionism and Hasidism.

HIST-319/619 Holocaust

W 2:35 – 5:15 p.m.

Piotr Kosicki, Instructor, History Department

Traces the history of anti-Semitism and the development of racism that led to the Holocaust. Examines the historical development of the Final Solution. Considers the variety of responses to Jewish persecution by the Nazi perpetrators, the Jews, and the nations of the world.

HIST-373/676 American Jewish History

MTH 10:20 – 11:35 a.m.

Pamela Nadell, Chair, History Department

Today American Jewry constitutes the preeminent Diaspora Jewish community. This course traces its historical development by examining the waves of Jewish immigration to the United States and the institutions that American Jews created to sustain their community.

HIST-396.004/JWST-396.002 Jerusalem Through the Ages

TH 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Randall Geller, Professorial Lecturer, History Department

This course covers the history of the city of Jerusalem from David's conquest ca. 1,000 B.C.E. through to the present day, focusing especially on the site as a holy city to Muslims, Christians, and Jews, and its status as a point of contention in the long-running Arab-Israeli conflict.

School of International Service

SIS-319.009 U.S.-Israel Relations

M 2:35 – 5:15 p.m.

Guy Ziv, Assistant Professor of International Relations

This course explores the evolution of U.S. relations with Israel, from the establishment of the Jewish state in 1948 to the present day. It will examine key milestones in U.S.-Israel relations, and the factors which have led to the formation of a wholly unique bilateral relationship characterized at once by both tight bonds and inherent tensions.

SIS-365 Arab-Israeli Relations

TF 10:20 – 11:35 a.m.

Boaz Atzili, Assistant Professor of International Relations

A survey of Arab-Israeli relations from their origins to the present. Includes an account of Zionism and Palestinian nationalism, the history of the British mandate, the Arab-Israeli wars, the involvement of external powers, and the quest for peace. The emphasis is on conflict resolution.

SIS-419.060/ SOCY 396.002/GOVT-432.003 Politics and Public Policy in Israel

M 2:35 – 5:15 p.m.

Fred Lazin, Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

This course provides an overview of politics and public policy in Israel, with an emphasis on current events. The course provides an understanding of the major political institutions in the Israeli political system and how they influence the making and implementation of public policy. The course also gives attention to the social, ethnic and national factors in Israeli politics. Finally, the course deals specifically with the public policy issues of community development and immigrant absorption.

Sociology

SOCY-340/SIS-319.011 Israeli Society

MTH 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Fred Lazin, Schusterman Visiting Israeli Professor

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.

University Honors

HNRS-300.001H *Holocaust Controversies*

W 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Richard Breitman, Professor, History Department

Is the Holocaust unique or part of a broader historical pattern? Why is the Holocaust still a controversial subject? This seminar examines different definitions of the word Holocaust, different interpretations of the timing and scope of Nazi policies and reactions of Nazi victims, and different conceptions of the world's reactions then and now.

Language and Foreign Studies

HEBR-117 *Hebrew, Elementary Modern II*

MTH 10:20 – 11:35 a.m.

MTH 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

HEBR 217 *Hebrew, Intermediate Modern II*

MTH 1:10 – 2:25 p.m.

HEBR-317 *Hebrew, Advanced Modern II*

MTH 2:35 – 3:50 p.m.

Additional independent study, independent reading, and internships available.

Prerequisite: Standing as Jewish Studies major or minor and permission of Professor Nadell.

JWST-390/590 *Independent Reading* (1-6 Credits)

JWST-392 *Cooperative Education* (3-9 Credits)

JWST-481/482 *Senior Thesis* (3 Credits)

JWST-491 *Internship* (1-6 Credits)

Intern in Metropolitan Washington D.C.

An opportunity to earn university credit while contributing services to a local Jewish organization such as the Anti-Defamation League, Hadassah Washington Action Office, Jewish Historical Society, Jewish Community Center, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

For a complete list of internships available to Jewish Studies majors and minors visit:

<http://www.american.edu/cas/js/internships.cfm>

Why Take A Course in Jewish Studies?

Through the Jewish Studies Program, you can train for a career in the Jewish community or in Jewish education, learn about Jewish issues and opportunities for Jewish service, and develop a deeper understanding of American and world Jewry. Moreover, since dynamic contact with many other religions and cultures influenced the development of Jewish civilization, students study Jews and Judaism within the broader context of dominant societies and the spectrum of the arts, humanities, and social sciences.

MAJOR or MINOR in Jewish Studies: The Jewish Studies Program offers students the opportunity to receive a major or minor in Jewish Studies.

MINOR in Israel Studies: The Jewish Studies Program offers a minor in Israel Studies. For more information, contact the director.

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