



# THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

## MELTON CENTER FOR JEWISH STUDIES

### Jewish Studies Course Descriptions

2194	Group Studies			Undergraduate
2201	Introduction to Jewish Culture, Thought and Practice	An introduction to the historical, ideological, and cultural growth of Judaism examined from a variety of methodological perspectives. Prereq: Not open to students with credit for 201.	GE-Cultures and Ideas, Diversity: Global Studies	Undergraduate
2205	Art and Ancient Judaism	An exploration of the nature and function of art in ancient Judaism from the standpoints of history, cultural history, and material culture. Prereq: English 1110 (110). Not open to students with credit for Hebrew 2205 (345). GE VPA course. Cross-listed in Hebrew.	GE-Visual and Performing Arts	Undergrad/ Graduate
2209	The World of the Rabbis	An examination of the origins, literature, and religious values of the movement of intellectuals who remade the culture of Judaism in the 2nd through 6th centuries. Prereq: English 1110 (110). Not open to students with credit for 379 or JewshSt 2209. Cross-listed in Hebrew.	GE-Culture and Ideas	Undergraduate
2210, 2210H	The Jewish Mystical Tradition	The history of Jewish mysticism from antiquity to the present, with emphasis on its implications for the comparative study of religious experience. Prereq: English 1110 (110). Not open to students with credit for 2210H (376H), 376, CompStd 2210 (376), 2210H (376H), JewshSt 2210, or 2210H. Cross-listed in CompStd and Hebrew.	GE-Culture and Ideas, Global Studies	Undergraduate
2241	Yiddish Culture	Introductory survey of political, social, ideological, and religious trends as reflected in Yiddish culture, especially folklore and literature. Prereq: Not open to students with credit for JewshSt 2241. GE cultures and ideas and diversity global studies course.	GE Cultures and Ideas, GE Diversity: Global Studies	Undergraduate
2242, 2242H	Culture of Contemporary Israel	An introduction to the Culture of modern Israel: historical roots, socio-political institutions and developments, and literary and artistic creations reflecting the realities of contemporary Israeli society. Prereq: Not open to students with credit for Hebrew 2241H (241H), 241, JewshSt 2242, or 2242H.	GE-Culture and Ideas, Global Studies	Undergraduate
2245	Israeli Film & Society	A survey of Israeli films from 1948 to the present day, tracing the development of film production in Israel as well as the relationship between film and society. Prereq: English 1110 (110). Not open to students with credit for 245 or JewshSt 2245. Cross-listed in Hebrew.	GE-Visual and Performing Arts	Undergraduate
2367	Jewish-American Voices in US Literature	Introduction to Jewish-American literature; development of expository writing and argumentation skills through systematic and critical reflection upon their own country from the perspective of an ethnic community. Prereq: English 1110 (110) or equiv. Not open to students with credit for 367 or JewshSt 2367. Cross-listed in Yiddish.	GE Cultures and Ideas, GE Writing and Communication level 2	Undergraduate
2450	Ancient and Medieval Jewish History, 300 BCE-1100 CE	Introduction to the history of Jewish communities, religion, and culture in the Near East from the Greco-Roman period to the First Crusade. Cross-listed in history.	GE-Historical Study, Culture and Ideas, Diversity: Global Studies	Undergraduate
2451	Medieval and Early Modern Jewish History, 700-1700 CE	Introduction to the history of Jewish communities, religion, and culture in Europe during the Medieval and Early Modern periods. Cross-listed in History.	GE-Historical Studies	Undergraduate
2452	Modern Jewish History 1700 Present	Study of the history of Jewish communities and Judaism from the early modern period to the early 21st century. Cross-listed in History.	GE-Historical Studies	Undergraduate

2453	History of Zionism and Modern Israel	The history of Zionist movement and the modern State of Israel from beginnings to present. Cross-listed in History.	GE-Historical Studies	Undergraduate
2454	History of Anti-Semitism	Study of the development of Antisemitism, the history of anti-Semitic ideologies and practices and different Jewish responses to antisemitism over time. Cross-listed in History.	GE-Historical Studies	Undergraduate
2455	Jews in American Film	A study of how modern Jews appear in film compared with historical reality.	GE-Historical Studies	Undergraduate
2475	History of the Holocaust	Study of the state-sponsored murder of millions of Jews and non-Jews by the Nazis and their collaborators during World War II. Cross-listed in history.	GE-Historical Studies	Undergraduate
2516	The Medieval Jewish Experience	A survey of ten centuries of medieval Jewish culture from the rise of Islam to the death of Shabbetai Zvi, the false Messiah (1676). Prereq: Not open to students who have taken 216, MedRen 2516 (Medieval 216), or JewshSt 2516. Cross-listed in MedRen 2516 and NELC 2516.	GE-Culture and Ideas, Global Studies	Undergraduate
2700, 2700H	Biblical and Post-Biblical Hebrew Literature in Translation	Reading and analysis of selected chapters from the Hebrew scriptures and post-biblical Hebrew writings representative of major historical, cultural, and literary trends. Prereq: Honors standing, and English 1110 (110); or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 2700 (370), 370H, JewshSt 2700, or JewshSt 2700H. Cross-listed in Hebrew.	GE-Literature, Global Studies	Undergraduate
2702, 2702H	Modern Hebrew Literature in Translation	A survey of major themes and topics in Modern Hebrew literature from the middle of the 19th century to the present. Prereq: Honors standing, and English 1110 (110); or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 2702 (372), 372H, JewshSt 2702, or 2702H. Cross-listed in Hebrew.	GE-Literature, Global Studies	Undergraduate
2703	Prophecy in the Bible and Post-Biblical Literature	The dynamics of Israelite prophecy and apocalyptic in the context of ancient Near Eastern culture. Prereq: English 1110 (110). Not open to students with credit for 373 or JewshSt 2703. GE lit and diversity global studies course. Cross-listed in Hebrew.	GE-Literature, Global Studies	Undergraduate
2704	Women in the Bible and Beyond	An examination of the social, legal, and religious position of women as they appear in the Hebrew Bible and the ways in which they have been represented and interpreted in later textual, visual, and audio sources. Prereq: English 1110 (110). Not open to students with credit for 374 or JewshSt 2704. GE lit and diversity global studies	GE-Literature, Global Studies	Undergraduate
2705	The Holocaust in Literature and Film	Psychological, cultural, religious and national aspects of the Holocaust as reflected in Hebrew literature and film. Taught in English. Prereq: English 1110 (110). Not open to students with credit for NELC 375.		Undergraduate
2708	Biblical and Post-Biblical Wisdom Literature	An examination of the various ideas, themes, attitudes, implications, and genres of biblical and post-biblical wisdom literature. Prereq: English 1110 (110). Not open to students with credit for 378 or JewshSt 2708. GE lit and diversity global studies course. Cross-	GE-Literature, Global Studies	Undergraduate
3110	The Jewish Experience in Latin America	Introduction to issues in the history of Jews in Latin America, including the role of the region as a refuge from source of anti-Semitism.	GE-Historical Studies	Undergraduate

3111	Introduction to Jewish Philosophy	A general introduction to major figures and trends in medieval, modern, and contemporary Jewish philosophy; emphasis on Philo, Saadia, Maimonides, Spinoza, Mendelssohn, and Buber. Prereq: Not open to students with credit for Philos 3111 (321). Cross-listed in Philos.	GE-Cultures and Ideas	Undergraduate
3351	Judaism and Ethics	Examination of the relationships of ethics to religion in general and Judaism in particular, emphasizing the place of ethical reasoning within Judaism. Prereq: Not open to students with credit for Philos		Undergraduate
3371	Yiddish Literature in Translation	Reading, analysis, and discussion of representative works and of the development of major movements and genres in Yiddish literature. Prereq: Not open to students with credit for 371 or JewshSt 3371. GE lit and diversity global studies course. Cross-listed in Yiddish.	GE Literature, GE Diversity: Global Studies	Undergraduate
3450	History of Ancient Israel (to 300 BCE)	Survey of the history and historiography of Israel from its origins to the advent of Hellenism.	GE-Historical Studies	Undergraduate
3455	Jewish Life from the Renaissance to the Early Enlightenment	Life and thought of European and Mediterranean Jews in the early modern period	GE-Historical Studies	Undergraduate
3460	European Jewish History, 1789-1989	Study of European Jewish Communities from the French Revolution through the end of the Cold War.	GE-Historical Studies	Undergraduate
3465	American Jewish History	Study of topics in American Jewish history from the colonial era to the present	GE-Historical Studies	Undergraduate
3470	Messiahs and Messianism in Jewish History	The history of Jewish messianic idea and of Jewish messianic leadership from ancient to modern times.	GE-Historical Studies	Undergraduate
3505	U.S. Diplomacy in the Middle East	Survey of U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East emphasizing the Cold War, Arab-Israeli conflict, Iran, and wars against Iraq.	GE-Historical Studies, Diversity: Global Studies	Undergraduate
4191	Internship in Jewish Studies			Undergraduate
4211	Art and Architecture of the Ancient Near East	A specialized study of the art and archaeology of the ancient Near East focusing on the cultures of the Mesopotamian valley and surrounding areas.		Undergraduate
4327	Politics in the Middle East	Politics of Arab-Israeli relations, Persian Gulf, Islamic fundamentalism, and oil; processes of change and their effects on governments and international relations.		Undergraduate

4450	Readings in Jewish History	Advanced research and writing on selected topics in Jewish History. Prereq: English 1110.xx, and any History 3000-level course; or permission of instructor. Repeatable to a maximum of 6 cr hrs. Cross-listed in History.		Undergraduate
4498.02	History and culture of Israel: Study Tour	Introduces the dynamics of the current Middle East peace process against the backdrop of the richness and diversity of contemporary Israeli society and culture. Students will read material pertaining to the Middle East peace process, attend and participate in lectures/discussions with instructors during May semester, and take part in a study tour of Israel through OSU OIA.	GE Education Abroad	Undergraduate
4601	Modern Hebrew Short Story	Reading and discussion of masterpieces of modern Hebrew short stories in the 19th and 20th centuries. Prereq: 1103 (104), or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 421 or JewshSt 4601. Cross-listed in Hebrew.		Undergraduate
4602	Modern Hebrew Poetry	Reading and discussion of masterpieces of modern Hebrew poetry in the 19th and 20th centuries. Prereq: 1103 (104), or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 422 or JewshSt 4602.		Undergraduate
4605	Readings in the Mishnah	Reading and discussion of the ideas and teachings of the Mishnah as they are reflected in the unique Mishnaic language. Prereq: 1103 (104). or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit		Undergraduate
4783	Honors Research (variable)			
4798	Study Tour			Undergraduate
4999H	Thesis Research			Undergraduate
5101	Biblical Hebrew Grammar	Introduction to the phonology, morphology, and syntax of the Biblical Hebrew idiom. Prereq: Hebrew 1103 (104), or permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for Hebrew 5101 (601). Cross-listed in Hebrew.		Undergraduate
5103	Grammar of Selected Ancient Near Eastern Languages U G 5	Fundamentals of grammar and reading in ancient Near Eastern languages (e.g. Egyptian, Coptic, Sumerian, Babylonian, Northwest Semitic dialects, Syriac). Prereq: Knowledge of a Semitic language, or permission of instructor. Repeatable to a maximum of 12 cr hrs.		Undergrad/ Graduate
5105	History of the Hebrew Language	Genealogical and typological relations within the Semitic family; a survey of Biblical, Mishnaic, and Modern Hebrew. Prereq: 1103 (104), or permission or instructor. Not open to students with credit for 611 or JewshSt 5105. Cross-listed in Hebrew.		Undergrad/ Graduate
5111	Comparative Semitic Linguistics U G 5 GEC	An introduction to the study of comparative Semitic linguistics. Prereq: Permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 611 or JewshSt 5111. Cross-listed in Hebrw.		Undergrad/ Graduate
5130	Ugaritic U G 5	Introduction to the language and literature of Ugaritic; readings in the Ugaritic mythological literature. Prereq: Permission of instructor. Not open to students with credit for 630 or JewshSt 5130. Cross-listed in NELC.		Undergrad/ Graduate
5192	Workshop U G 5			Undergrad/ Graduate
5193	Individual Studies U G 1-3			Undergrad/ Graduate

5194	Group Studies U G 1-5		Undergrad/ Graduate
5571	Canon and Communities in Near East U G 5	Investigation of the process by which Near Eastern sacred texts (Bible, Qur'an, and others) become sacred and the interaction	Undergrad/ Graduate
5601	Introduction to Hebrew Literary and Cultural Texts	Literary and cultural Hebrew texts from the biblical to the modern period; students will develop the ability to read critically and to build	Undergrad/ Graduate
5602	The Bible as Literature: Selected Readings	Critical study of basic issues in the language and analysis of biblical texts. In Hebrew. Prereq: 4201 (421) or 4202 (422). Repeatable to	Undergrad/ Graduate
5603	Readings in Rabbinic Literature	Study of selected texts and issues in Rabbinic literature, and discussions of the methods by which they are studied. In Hebrew. Prereq: Permission of instructor. Repeatable to a maximum of 12 cr hrs. Cross-listed in Hebrew.	Undergrad/ Graduate
5613	American Jewish Experience	An interdisciplinary approach to using history, literature, sociology, and the arts to investigate American Jewish life. Prereq: 2201, or permission of instructor.	Undergrad/ Graduate
5641	Places in Ashkenaz	Jewish society of a specific place (e.g., Vienna, Amsterdam); tradition and modernity; assimilation and continuity; cultural, literary, and linguistic expression; arts and entertainment. Specific topics not repeatable for credit. Repeatable to a maximum of 9 cr hrs. Cross-listed in JewshSt.	Undergrad/ Graduate
5651	Modern Yiddish Prose	Reading and analysis of short stories and novels representative of major developments and trends in Yiddish prose of the 19th and 20th centuries. Prereq: Yiddish 4402, or equiv. Not open to students with credit for Yiddish 5651 (651). Cross-listed in Yiddish.	Undergraduate
5797	Study at a Foreign Institution	An opportunity for students to study at a foreign institution and receive Ohio State credit for that work. Students will pay Ohio State University Fees and any fees in excess of Ohio State tuition as well as all travel and subsistence costs. Prereq: Written Permission of Melton Center Director. Repeatable to a maximum of 9 cr hrs or 3 A survey of tools which may be used in doing research at all levels in the study of Hebraica, Judaica, and Semitics. Prereq: Not open to students with credit for Hebrew 5801 (680). Cross-listed in Hebrew.	Undergraduate
5801	Basic Bibliographic and Reference Tools in Hebraica, Judaica, and Semitics		Undergraduate
5802	The Problem of Evil in Biblical and Post-Biblical Literature	Study of the vexing problem of evil; the seeming contradiction between tradition and experience; extensive readings and discussions of appropriate biblical and post-biblical literature. In English. Prereq: Not open to students with credit for Hebrew 5802 (671). Cross-listed in Hebrew.	Undergraduate
5806	Studies in Biblical Law	Examination of the various biblical corpora of laws within the context of a great body of legal collections which extended throughout the ancient Near East. Prereq: Jewish Studies 2700H or Grad standing.	Undergraduate
5870	Topics in Jewish Philosophy	An examination of a philosophical issue in Jewish thought or of the thought of a particular author; topics vary. Prereq: Jewish Studies/Phil 3111 or 3220, or permission of instructor. Repeatable to a maximum of 9 cr hrs. Cross-listed in Philos.	Undergraduate
7601	Studies in Hebrew Poetry	Advanced study of specific periods, authors, and/or topics or prose writing, involving extensive readings and discussions of appropriate primary and secondary materials. Repeatable to a maximum of 9 cr hrs. Cross-listed in Hebrew.	Graduate
7602	Studies in Hebrew Prose	Advanced study of specific periods, authors, and/or topics or prose writing, involving extensive readings and discussions of appropriate primary and secondary materials. Repeatable to a maximum of 9 cr hrs. Cross-listed in Hebrew.	Graduate

7891 Teaching Hebrew at the College Level  
Methods and techniques for teaching Hebrew at the college level.  
Prereq: Not open to students with credit for 801 or JewshSt 7891.  
Cross-listed in Hebrew.

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