JEWISH STUDIES (JS)

JS Class Schedule (https://courses.illinois.edu/schedule/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/JS)

Courses

JS 108 Religion & Society in West I credit: 3 Hours.
Same as ANTH 108, PHIL 108, REL 108, and SOC 108. See REL 108. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Hist Phil Cultural Studies - Western

JS 199 Undergraduate Open Seminar credit: 1 to 5 Hours.
Faculty offer seminars in a range of areas that provide an opportunity for undergraduates to be exposed to key dimensions of Jewish Studies. May be repeated in the same or separate terms to a maximum of 10 hours.

JS 201 History of Antisemitism credit: 3 Hours.
Studies the negative representations of Judaism and Jews from antiquity to the modern world. Topics include: Greco-Roman concepts of the Jewish religion; medieval Christian symbolization of the demonic Jew; Jews and negative attitudes to capitalism; blood purity and blood libel; the rise of racial prejudice in the modern nation state; totalitarianism and genocide; antisemitism and anti-Zionism. Same as REL 212. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Hist Phil Cultural Studies - Western

JS 209 Jewish American Literature credit: 3 Hours.
Using a combination of careful reading with historical contextualization we will discuss how the field of Jewish American literature emerged, and get a sense of where it might be heading. We will address topics such as what makes a literary work Jewish American other than the Jewishness of its author, in what ways the field of Jewish American literature has changed over time; and what might be the underlying trends/themes of this field of literature. Same as CWL 209 and ENGL 222.

JS 211 War & Peace in Israeli Lit credit: 3 Hours.
Same as CWL 211 and SAME 211. See CWL 211.

JS 220 Jewish Storytelling credit: 3 Hours.
Same as CWL 221, ENGL 223, REL 220, and YDSH 220. See YDSH 220. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Lit Arts Cultural Studies - Western

JS 252 The Holocaust credit: 3 Hours.
Same as HIST 252. See HIST 252. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Hist Phil Cultural Studies - Western

JS 300 Jewish Chicago credit: 3 Hours.
The history of Jewish Chicago from 1820 to the present will be taught in Chicago during Summer I. The class includes excursions all over the city as well as class time at the Newberry Library. Topics of study include immigration, Jews in the labor movement, Jewish political activism, Jewish religious practice, Jewish art, literature, and Yiddish theater. The course will contextualize our study of Jewish Chicago in terms of American history, urban history, gender history, and labor history.

JS 320 Lit Responses to the Holocaust credit: 3 Hours.
Same as CWL 320, ENGL 359, REL 320, and YDSH 320. See YDSH 320. This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for: Humanities - Lit Arts Cultural Studies - Western

JS 335 Middle East 1566-1914 credit: 3 Hours.
Same as HIST 335. See HIST 335.

JS 341 Love & Sex in Hebrew Lit credit: 3 Hours.
Same as CWL 341, REL 340 and SAME 341. See CWL 341.

JS 399 Special Topics credit: 3 Hours.
Faculty offer special topics in their areas of expertise that provide an opportunity for undergraduates to be exposed to some of the most current developments in faculty research. May be repeated in the same or separate term to a maximum of 9 hours.

JS 442 History of Early Judaism credit: 3 Hours.
Same as HIST 432 and REL 442. See REL 442.

JS 454 Topics in Israeli Lit &Culture credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Same as CWL 454 and SAME 454. See CWL 454.

JS 495 Independent Study credit: 2 to 4 Hours.
Readings in selected fields in consultation with the instructor along with the completion of a specified writing assignment. 2 to 4 undergraduate hours. 2 to 4 graduate hours. May be repeated in the same term to a maximum of 4 undergraduate hours or 8 graduate hours. May be repeated in separate terms to a maximum of 8 undergraduate hours and 16 graduate hours. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

JS 496 Topics in History of Judaism credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Same as REL 496. See REL 496.

JS 501 Grad Intro to Jewish Culture credit: 4 Hours.
Interdisciplinary graduate-level introduction to the study of Jewish culture and society. Focuses on the significations of Jewishness in modern history through a wide range of recent writings by historians, anthropologists, philosophers and cultural theorists. Key themes will include the relationship of Judaism to the other monotheistic religions, the varied pathways of Jewish modernization, the construction of Jewish Otherness in Europe and beyond, and responses to the Holocaust and the creation of the state of Israel.

JS 502 Holocaust Genocide Studies credit: 4 Hours.
Interdisciplinary graduate-level introduction to Holocaust, Genocide, and Memory Studies, focusing on the origins and unfolding of genocidal violence and the legacies of genocide in collective memory, literature, and artistic representation. Key themes will include the relationship between perpetrators, victims, and bystanders; the problems of historical comparison; trauma and testimony; violence and representation.

JS 551 Seminar in Jewish Culture credit: 4 Hours.
Analysis of selected topics of special interest in Jewish Studies. May be repeated in the same term to a maximum of 8 hours. May be repeated in separate terms to a maximum of 16 hours. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

JS 552 Seminar Holocaust & Genocide credit: 4 Hours.
Analysis of selected topics of special interest in Holocaust, Genocide, Memory Studies. May be repeated in the same term to a maximum of 8 hours. May be repeated in separate terms to a maximum of 16 hours. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

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