JUDAIC STUDIES

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Dept. Code: JUS

Introduction
The George Feldenkreis Program in Judaic Studies is a broad, flexible, interdisciplinary program designed for undergraduates to gain an understanding of Jewish civilization and its diverse cultural experiences. The program, which is non-theological in orientation, is an academic exploration of the multi-faceted, socio-historical, 4,000-year record of the Jewish people. Courses taught by, and combined with the program highlight the variety of cultural, political, social, and religious experiences of Jews in different times and places.

Educational Objectives
The program is structured to provide an in-depth liberal arts education that will constitute a foundation for advanced academic study, professional careers in a variety of fields, and a more complex and rich understanding of the Jewish world. There are a total of 5 Judaic Studies Cognates. Judaic Studies cognates meet the requirements for People & Society and Arts & Humanities Cognates in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Advanced Writing and Communication Requirement
Students majoring in Judaic Studies satisfy the college of Arts and Sciences "Writing requirement in the discipline" when they take any course in Jewish or Israeli literature offered by the Department of English and any Judaic Studies course with the Writing Credit designation.

JUS 200. Israel: Origins, Culture and Society. 3 Credit Hours.
The emergence of modern Israel from the inception of Zionism to the present. It will include the structure of the old and new Yishuv (Italics), Immigrations to Eretz Yisrael, British Mandatory rule in Palestine, relationships with the great powers, sociological associations and cleavages, Israeli-Diaspora relations, American Jewry in Israel, and religion and state in Israel.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

JUS 205. Holocaust Survivor Service Internship. 3 Credit Hours.
Interns will gain meaningful experiences that will offer them an opportunity to become involved in service-oriented activities. This will give them a deep insight and unique understanding of the historical significance of the Holocaust while providing valuable services to the survivors of Nazi atrocities.
Components: DIS.
Grading: CNC.
Typically Offered: Fall.

JUS 206. Holocaust Survivor Service Internship. 3 Credit Hours.
Components: SEM.
Grading: CNC.
Typically Offered: Spring.

JUS 231. Jewish Civilization: Society, Culture and Religion. 3 Credit Hours.
Introduction to Jewish civilization from Abraham to present.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

JUS 250. The Holocaust Through Film, Memoir and Testimony. 3 Credit Hours.
The purpose of the course is to introduce students to the history of the Holocaust through classroom dialogue, film, and literature analysis. Involving students in major ethical and moral issues raised in the study of the Holocaust by encouraging students to think critically, explore choices, and make decisions based on a code of conduct that reflects a commitment to humanity.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

JUS 300. Jewish Peoplehood: Calling & Covenant. 3 Credit Hours.
In this course, we will explore individual and collective Jewish identity formation within the context of the modern commitment of the Jewish people to their heritage.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

JUS 301. Studies In Judaica. 3 Credit Hours.
Special topics offering at the 300-level for students pursuing a major/minor in Judaic Studies.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

JUS 304. The Rise of Judaism. 3 Credit Hours.
The history and literature of early Judaism, covering the period from the fall of Jerusalem in 587/586 BCE to the beginnings of rabbinic Judaism and the formation of the Mishnah (ca.200 CE).
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

JUS 324. The History of Zionism. 3 Credit Hours.
The religious, cultural, historical, political and social underpinnings of the development of Zionism that led to the creation of the State of Israel. Through readings, analysis of speeches and essays, exploration of films and the internet, the class will move through time from the origins of the Zionist idea to the present.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

JUS 325. Israel: The Making of a State. 3 Credit Hours.
The creation of the state of Israel in its historical context, emphasizing the period of 1945-55: The struggle for Israel's establishment, the making of the state and the early challenges Israel faced. The class will use documents, text, testimony, poetry, music and film.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.
JUS 338. History of the Holocaust. 3 Credit Hours.
Focus on the roots, events and results of the Nazis nearly successful
annihilation of Jewish men, women, and children living under the
Swastika. We will study Hitler’s political aims, his Aryan superiority
mythology, his domestic and foreign policies, and his conquests. We
will also investigate how Germans, admired for their culture, became
instruments of mass murder. Also included in this survey are the heroism
of Jewish resisters and gentle rescuers who stood in direct opposition
to the silence of the Christian churches and inactivity of the nearly all
nations in the face of the Jewish disaster.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

JUS 352. Panoramic View of the Middle East. 3 Credit Hours.
The course is designed to provide a comprehensive introduction to the
Middle East and a basic understanding of factors, forces, and processes
shaping developments in the modern and contemporary history of this
important world region.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

JUS 360. Hollywood and Popular Culture: The American Jewish
Experience. 3 Credit Hours.
The image of the Jew and the Jewish experience in American Cinema.
Prerequisite: JUS 231 or HIS 102.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

JUS 375. Religion and Democracy in Israel. 3 Credit Hours.
Israel's evolution as a nation and a society by focusing on how religion
impacts ethnicity, culture, and democracy.
Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

JUS 380. Archaeology of Palestine. 3 Credit Hours.
Survey of the major archaeological excavations and surveys of Palestine,
how this is used to interpret biblical narrative and give context to the
emergence of Judaism and Christianity.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

JUS 401. Studies in Judaica. 1-3 Credit Hours.
Designed to enable students interested in some phase of Judaic Studies
to study extensively in that field of interest.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

JUS 410. Special Topics. 1-3 Credit Hours.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

JUS 411. Special Topics. 1-3 Credit Hours.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Offered by Announcement Only.

JUS 421. Internship in Judaic Studies. 1-3 Credit Hours.
Prescribed study and supervised work with practitioners in Judaic
services.
Components: DIS.
Grading: CNC.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

JUS 498. Senior Thesis. 3 Credit Hours.
Partial requirement for Departmental Honors in Judaic Studies. Thesis to
be a documented essay in any area of Judaic Studies written under the
direction of a member of the faculty.
Components: THI.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

JUS 499. Senior Thesis. 3 Credit Hours.
Partial requirement for Departmental Honors in Judaic Studies. Thesis to
be a documented essay in any area of Judaic Studies written under the
direction of a member of the faculty.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.