Judaic Studies Course Descriptions • Fall 2017
Please contact individual instructors for more information about their courses.
See the schedule of classes for date and time information:
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AJST
150 Survey of Jewish Civilization
Rabbi Nomi Manon, nmanon@albany.edu
General Education Course: DP-HUM

This class explores the dynamic history of the Jewish people and its interaction with great world cultures. Beginning with the origins of Israelite monotheism, we will first trace the consolidation and subsequent fragmentation of the ancient Israelites. We then explore several dispersed Jewish communities through the Middle Ages, and examine the ways they redefined themselves and Judaism in light of their experiences in several different host societies. Finally, we examine the Jewish encounter with the Modern world, including the Jewish Enlightenment, the nationalization of the Jews, the rise of new Jewish centers on the eve of the Nazi Holocaust, and Judaism as it is expressed in contemporary America and Israel.

AJST/AHIS/AHEB244 Zionism, Palestine and Israel in Historical Perspective
Dr. Arthur Brenner, abrenner@albany.edu
General Education Course: DP-ARTS: INTLPER
This course will examine the history of the Zionist movement from its inception until the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, and the history of Israel from 1948 to the present. It covers the development of various Zionist ideologies and organizations as well as their challengers within and outside the Jewish community. It will examine the history of Jewish settlement in Palestine, the founding of the state of Israel, and the country’s subsequent development. The course will also examine some contemporary issues facing the country.

A JST 250 (= A HIS 250) The Holocaust in History (3)
Dr. Arthur Brenner, abrenner@albany.edu

Begins with an overview of European Jewish life on the eve of the attempt at its destruction, examines the cultural, social, and intellectual roots of Nazism, and discusses the efforts to isolate and marginalize those marked as “a-socials” in German society. Explores the radicalization of the Nazi program and investigates the variety of ways targeted groups responded to the crisis. Covers a number of survivor accounts and the memorialization and politicization of the Nazi Holocaust in the United States and Israel. Only one version of A JST 250 may be taken for credit.

A JST 497 Independent Study in Judaic Studies (1–6)
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Directed reading and conferences on selected topics in Judaic studies. May be repeated for credit when content varies. Prerequisite(s): permission of department chair.