

# JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAM

Spring 2006 Classes



## JS 200 ■ INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

(General Education: C-3)

M. Paskow

3.0 Units MWF 9:00–9:50  
Course #17410 ED 1127

An examination of the historical development of Judaism's fundamental religious concepts and practices in their cultural and international setting.

■ CORE COURSE FOR THE JEWISH STUDIES MINOR

## JS 300 ■ HUMANITIES IN JEWISH SOCIETY: ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL

(General Education: C-1, C-2 or C-3)

M. Paskow

3.0 Units MWF 10:00–10:50  
Course #17411 SH 305

A study of ancient and medieval Jewish culture examining literature, art and architecture, law, music, philosophy and science. Their distinctive genres, styles, methods of inquiry, and creative processes will be examined; as will the links between these areas of Jewish culture, and their contribution to and dependence on similar expressions in non-Jewish cultures.

■ CORE COURSE FOR THE JEWISH STUDIES MINOR

## HIST/JS 409 ■ HISTORY OF JEWS IN THE MODERN ERA

T. Ungvari

3.0 Units TTH 11:00–12:15  
JS course #17582 SH 224  
HIST course #15279

A history of the Jewish people from the 17th century until the present. Principle themes include the transformation of the traditional community, the changes in Jews' political status, the emergence of modern Antisemitism, and ethnic and gender distinctions within Jewry.

## ENGL 371 ■ ISSUES IN JEWISH-AMERICAN WRITING

(General Education: F-3)

C. Spector

3 Units MWF 9:00–9:50  
Course #17894 JR 302

This course examines how 20th century Jewish American literature has explored themes of assimilation and threats of obliteration, as well as possibilities for renewing and strengthening Jewish identity. *Prerequisite:* completion of lower-division writing requirement.

## RS 356 ■ CONTEMPORARY RELIGIOUS THOUGHT

(General Education: C-3)

A. Hahn Tapper

3.0 Units TTH 12:30–1:45  
Course #18064 SH 314

After examining religious nonviolence from an international religious perspective, the course focuses on nonviolent traditions in Christian, Jewish, and Muslim texts. Particular attention is given to nonviolence in the current situation in Israel and Palestine. *Prerequisite:* completion of lower-division writing requirement.

## SOC 306 ■ JEWISH COMMUNAL AND FAMILY STRUCTURE

(General Education: F-2)

L. Yellin

3 Units MWF 11:00–11:50  
Course #14537 SH 102

The study of Jewish communal and family structure in an international context as a function of religious requirements and social circumstances. *Prerequisite:* completion of lower-division writing requirement.

## RS 376 ■ MODERN JUDAIC HERITAGE

J. Myers

3.0 Units TTH 9:30–10:45  
Course #17504 SH 314

Examination of the great ideas and issues of modern Judaism as reflected in its cultural tradition, represented in mystical literature, autobiographies, poetry, and essays from Zionist and modern religious movements. Regular written assignments are required.

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## RS 320 ■ HEBREW BIBLE (OLD TESTAMENT)

E. Goodfriend

3.0 Units MWF 11:00–11:50  
Course #18051 SH 314

A descriptive survey of the books found in the Tanakh (Hebrew Bible) and major religious themes. Biblical texts will be examined in their historical setting, paying attention to the social, political, economic and religious background of ancient Israel up to the Hellenistic period.

■ THIS COURSE FULFILLS THE TEXTUAL STUDIES REQUIREMENT FOR THE RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR.

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### SOC 335 ■ JEWISH IDENTITY IN THE UNITED STATES

(General Education: F-3)

T. Hatkoff

3.0 Units W 3:00–5:45

Course #14543 SH 160

An examination of social institutions and processes involved in Jewish identity, and comparison with other American cultural groups. *Prerequisite:* completion of lower-division writing requirement.

### RS 378 ■ AMERICAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE

(General Education: F-3)

A. Shevitz

3 Units MWF 10:00–10:50

Course #17506 SH 314

This course describes the experience of the Jewish religio-ethnic community in America with reference to its own historical background and development, and the relationship of the community to the general American culture and to other particular subcultures or ethnic groups. *Prerequisites:* completion of American History requirement or any course in Religious Studies or Jewish Studies.

**College of Extended Learning:** Any adult in the community may enroll in University courses without being formally admitted to the University. To learn more, call 818 677-2786.

### JS 499 A-C ■ INDEPENDENT STUDY

1.0-3.0 Units

499a = Course #17412 TBA

499b = Course #17415 TBA

499c = Course #17418 TBA

Arrange with Coordinator or Instructor.

### JS 699 A/C ■ INDEPENDENT STUDY

1.0-3.0 Units

699a = Course #17421 TBA

699c = Course #17424 TBA

Arrange with Coordinator of Instructor.

### RS 101 ■ THE BIBLE

(General Education: C-3)

Staff

3.0 Units MWF 9:00–9:50

Course #17460 SH 384

Course #17462 MWF 12:00–12:50

SH 192

Course #17465 TTH 8:00–9:15

SH 390

Course #17467 TTH 9:30–10:45

SH 390

Course #17477 TTH 12:30–1:45

SH 192

This course provides a survey of the content and major themes of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament), New Testament, and Apocryphal writings.

### HIST/JS 210 ■ HISTORY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE

(General Education: F-2)

E. Goodfriend

3.0 Units MWF 12:00–12:50

JS course #17579 SH 198

HIST Course #14709

A study of the Jewish people from their beginnings in the ancient Near East to the establishment of the modern State of Israel.

### HEB 102/102C ■ ELEMENTARY HEBREW AND CONVERSATION

(General Education: F-2 or F-3)

M. Rosenthal

4.0 Units TTH 2:00–3:40

Course #17580/17581 SH 221

Second semester of a beginning level Hebrew course focusing on basic vocabulary, grammar, reading and practice in the spoken language.

**For more information on classes or the Minor in Jewish Studies, contact:**

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## COMPLETING GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

You can take 15 units of Jewish Studies to meet the General Education requirements. With only 2 or more courses, you can complete a Jewish Studies Minor.

In addition, you can complete your nine unit upper-division General Education requirements with Jewish Studies courses.

Contact the Jewish Studies Coordinator to tailor a plan of study that meets your specific needs.

### For C-1, C-2, or C-3

JS 300 (upper division)

### For C-3

JS 200

RS 101

RS 310 (upper-division)

RS 356 (upper-division)

### For E

JS 390cs (upper-division)

### For F-2

HIST/JS 210

SOC 306 (upper-division)

JS 330 (upper-division)

### For F-2 or F-3

HEB 101, 102

### For F-3

RS 378 (upper-division)

ENG 371 (upper-division)

SOC 335 (upper-division)