

Jewish Studies (JWST)

JWST 200 INTRODUCTION TO JEWISH STUDIES (3)

Introduction to Jewish Studies is an interdisciplinary survey course that introduces students to the culture, literature, history, philosophy, religion, and academic traditions of Jewish people from antiquity to the present. In this course, we will analyze how Jewish people have deployed a wide range of intellectual discourse to gain an understanding of the meaning of their identity as Jews. The course will also provide a historical overview of the Jewish Diaspora, from the Middle East to Africa to Europe to the America. The readings and class discussions will divide into three parts covering the ancient, medieval, and modern periods.

JWST 250 INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM (4)

A survey of Jewish religious traditions from the Bible through the present day. Evolution of major religious ideas through classical texts.

JWST 350 JEWISH RELIGION AND BIBLICAL VALUES (3)

This course explores the ideas - religious and political - and texts that have shaped Jewish thought and practiced from its formation to the present.