
HJS Hebrew and Jewish Studies

- HJS 101 ELEMENTARY HEBREW. (4)**
Coverage of Hebrew grammar designed to prepare students to use Hebrew for their particular needs and programs.
- HJS 102 ELEMENTARY HEBREW. (4)**
Continuation of HJS 101. Prereq: HJS 101 or consent of instructor.
- HJS 110 INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT/HEBREW BIBLE. (3)**
This course is an introduction to and survey of the small library of ancient documents collectively known as the Hebrew Bible (or Old Testament)—a library which is sacred to Judaism and Christianity. During our survey of the Hebrew Bible’s content and our close reading of selected passages, we will consider the origins and formation of these texts and how they relate to the history and culture of the ancient Near Eastern context in which they were written. We will also pay attention to the artistry of the texts’ various genres and to modern academic theories about how to understand and interpret them.
- HJS 201 INTERMEDIATE HEBREW. (3)**
Hebrew grammar and introduction to the reading of specimens of Hebrew prose. Prereq: HJS 102 or consent of instructor.
- HJS 202 INTERMEDIATE HEBREW. (3)**
Readings in selected Hebrew authors. Prereq: HJS 201 or consent of instructor.
- HJS 324 JEWISH THOUGHT AND CULTURE I:
FROM ANCIENT ISRAEL TO THE MIDDLE AGES. (3)**
A survey of Jewish intellectual and material civilization from its beginnings in ancient Israel to its efflorescence in the medieval period.
- HJS 325 JEWISH THOUGHT AND CULTURE II:
FROM THE EXPULSION FROM SPAIN TO THE PRESENT. (3)**
A survey of Jewish intellectual and material civilization from the expulsion from Spain in 1492 to the destruction of European Jewry in the Holocaust and the re-establishment of Israel.
- HJS 326 THE JEWISH EXPERIENCE IN AMERICA. (3)**
An investigation of the history, literature, and situation of Jewish life in America.
- HJS 327 WOMEN IN JUDAISM. (3)**
An investigation of the history, literature, and experiences of women in Judaism.
- HJS 425 TOPICS IN JUDAIC STUDIES (Subtitle required). (3)**
Variable in content, this course focuses on important texts and issues in Jewish history, religion, literature, and philosophy. May be repeated to a maximum of six credits under different subtitles.
- HJS 495 INDEPENDENT STUDY IN JUDAIC STUDIES. (3)**
Independent study on a topic mutually acceptable to instructor and student in Judaic Studies. Prereq: Declared minor in Judaic Studies.