### JUDAIC STUDIES (JDS) - COURSES

**Spring 2011**

#### HBW

**Hebrew**

**HBW 111: Elementary Hebrew I**
An introduction to modern Hebrew as currently spoken and written in Israel, stressing pronunciation, speaking, listening comprehension, reading, and writing. The course is designed for students who have no prior knowledge of the language. A student who has had two or more years of Hebrew in high school (or who has otherwise acquired an equivalent proficiency) may not take HBW 111 without written permission from the supervisor of the course.

3 credits

**HBW 112: Elementary Hebrew II**
An introduction to modern Hebrew as currently spoken and written in Israel, stressing pronunciation, speaking, listening comprehension, reading, and writing.

Prerequisite: HBW 111

3 credits

**HBW 211: Intermediate Hebrew I**
Intermediate courses in conversation, composition, and the reading of texts in modern Hebrew.

Prerequisite: HBW 112

3 credits

**HBW 212: Intermediate Hebrew II**
Intermediate courses in conversation, composition, and the reading of texts in modern Hebrew.

Prerequisite: HBW 211

3 credits

**HBW 311: Advanced Hebrew I**
A course in the active use of spoken and written Hebrew. Readings of classics in the Hebrew language. Discussion is conducted mainly in Hebrew.

Prerequisite: HBW 212

3 credits

**HBW 312: Advanced Hebrew II**
Readings in modern Hebrew authors. Oral and written reports. Discussion is conducted mainly in Hebrew.

Prerequisite: HBW 311

3 credits

**HBW 405: Studies in Hebrew Literature**
May be repeated as the topic changes.

Prerequisite: HBW 311 or 312

3 credits

**HBW 415: The History of the Hebrew Language**
Readings and discussion (in Hebrew) of selections from Biblical, post-Biblical, and modern literature; lectures and discussion (in English) on the changes of sentence structure, meaning, sound, and style from one period to another. Particular attention is given to classicism, innovation, and restructuring in the rise of modern Hebrew.

Prerequisite: HBW 311

3 credits

**HBW 447: Directed Readings in Hebrew**
Intensive study of a particular author, period, or genre of Hebrew literature in the original under close faculty supervision. May be repeated.

Prerequisite: Permission of director

1-4 credits

**HBW 475: Undergraduate Teaching Practicum I**
Work with a faculty member as an assistant in one of the faculty member's regularly scheduled classes. The student is required to attend all the classes, do all the regularly assigned work, and meet with the faculty member at regularly scheduled times to discuss the intellectual and pedagogical matters relating to the course. Students may not serve as teaching assistants in the same course twice.

Prerequisites: U3 or U4 standing; permission of instructor

3 credits, S/U grading

**HBW 476: Undergraduate Teaching Practicum II**
Work with a faculty member as an assistant in one of the faculty member's regularly scheduled classes. The student is required to attend all the classes, do all the regularly assigned work, and meet with the faculty member at regularly scheduled times to discuss the intellectual and pedagogical matters relating to the course. In HBW 476, students assume greater responsibility in such areas as leading discussions and analyzing results of tests that have already been graded. Students may not serve as teaching assistants in the same course twice.

Prerequisites: HBW 475; permission of instructor

3 credits, S/U grading

**JDH 230 - G: Judaism**
A survey of the great texts of the Judaic heritage, with the aim of learning the contribution of each to the Jewish tradition. The course includes an examination of characteristic Jewish beliefs, practices, and attitudes. This course is offered as both JDH 230 and RLS 230.

3 credits

**JDH 261 - B: The Bible as Literature**
A literary approach to the Bible that explores the characteristic principles of the Bible's narrative and poetic art. This course is offered as both EGL 261 and JDH 261.

Prerequisite: Completion of D.E.C. category A

3 credits

**JDH 320 - G: The Rabbinic Tradition**
The origin and development of the Rabbinic tradition, examination of the chief elements of Rabbinic teaching at various times, and analysis of the major types of Rabbinic literature. This course is offered as both JDH 320 and RLS 320.

Prerequisite: JDH/RLS 225 or 226 or JDH/RLS 230

3 credits

**JDH 361 - G: Women in the Biblical World**
Consideration of how we define, on the basis of biblical and other contemporaneous literature, women's position in the socio-political sphere, including women in professions and institutions, such as goddesses, leaders of the community, queens, "wise women", writers, prophetesses, magicians, and prostitutes; and examination of literary types such as the Wife (and concubine), the Mother, the Daughter, the Temptress, and the Ancestress. This course is offered as both JDH 361 and WST 361.

Prerequisite: One JDH or JDS or WST or RLS 230 and RLS 230.

3 credits

**JDH 369 - G: Topics in Biblical Interpretation**
A study of some of the ways a selected book in the Hebrew Bible, a selection from the prophets, or another book, has been understood through history. The course examines traditional Christian interpretations in contrast with Rabbinic interpretations. Higher biblical criticism is discussed as a reflection of 19th-century historicism and science. Modern interpretations include psychoanalytic, structuralist, anthropological, and literary. Semester supplements to this
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**Prerequisite:** JDH 230 or one literature course at the 200 level or higher

3 credits

**JDH 390 - G: Humanities Topics in Judaic Studies**

An examination of a selected topic in Judaic studies within the humanities area. Semester supplements to this Bulletin contain specific description when course is offered. May be repeated as the topic changes.

**Prerequisite:** JDS/HIS 225 or 226 or JDH/RLS 230

3 credits

**JDH 415 - G: Judaic Response to Catastrophe**

The response of Judaic thinkers, from the Bible to the Second World War, to the problem of historical disaster and the need to understand and respond to it. Particular attention is given to the question of long-term continuity and the appearance of innovation in such responses. This course is offered as both JDH 415 and RLS 415.

**Prerequisite:** JDS/HIS 225 or 226 or JDH/RLS 230

3 credits

** JDH 447: Readings in Judaic Studies**

Qualified juniors and seniors may read independently in the areas of Jewish religion, philosophy, and literature in an approved program under the supervision of a faculty member. May be repeated.

**Prerequisite:** Permission of instructor

1-6 credits

**JDS**

**Judaic Studies: Social and Behavioral Sciences**

**JDS 225 - J: The Formation of the Judaic Heritage**

Jewish history and the development of Judaism during the Persian, Hellenistic, and Roman periods (ca. 500 B.C.E.- ca. 500 C.E.). The course begins with the close of the Hebrew Bible, examines the varieties of Judaism which then arose, and ends with the consolidation of rabbinic Judaism on one hand and Christianity on the other. This course is offered as both HIS 225 and JDS 225.

**Advisory Prerequisite:** RLS 101 or 110 or one HIS course

3 credits

**JDS 226 - F: The Shaping of Modern Judaism**

The history of the Jews and of Judaism since the fall of the Roman Empire and the rise of Islam. The course concludes with a study of the Holocaust and the creation of the State of Israel, and includes a survey of the major forms of American Jewish life. This course is offered as both HIS 226 and JDS 226.

**Advisory Prerequisite:** RLS 101 or 110 or one HIS course

3 credits

**JDS 241 - I: The Holocaust: The Destruction of European Jewry--Causes and Consequences**

The rise of modern anti-Semitism since the late 18th century and its political application in Nazi Germany. Topics include the destruction process, ghetto life, resistance, foreign response, and the war crimes trials. This course is offered as both HIS 241 and JDS 241.

**Advisory Prerequisite:** JDS/HIS 226 or HIS 101 or 102

3 credits

**JDS 327 - F: Women in Judaism**

A survey of women in Judaism and in Jewish life from the Biblical period to the present, focusing on such topics as the representation of women in the Bible, Jewish law concerning women, the role of women in the Enlightenment in Germany and America, immigrant women in America, women in the Holocaust, and women in Israel. This course is offered as both JDS 327 and WST 320.

**Prerequisite:** One JDS or WST course

3 credits

**JDS 447: Readings in Judaic Studies**

Qualified juniors and seniors may read independently in the areas of Jewish history, culture, and society, in an approved program under the supervision of a faculty member. May be repeated.

**Prerequisites:** Two JDS courses, or one course each in JDS and JDH; permission of director

1-6 credits

**JDS 356 - I: Zionism Before 1948**

A survey of ideologies that have found expression under the general banner of Zionism. Topics include the origins and development of those ideologies, and the important ideological and conceptual issues that the Zionist movement has not yet managed to resolve.

3 credits

**JDS 390 - F: Social Sciences Topics in Judaic Studies**

An examination of selected topics within the social and behavioral sciences area to be announced whenever the course is offered. Semester supplements to this Bulletin contain specific description when course is offered. May be repeated as the topic changes.

**Prerequisite:** JDS/HIS 225 or 226