

Course Code	Course Title	Credits	Instructor	Course Description	Day	Time
* BIB 3412	FIVE MEGILLOT	3	TBA, Instructor	A survey of the five short books of the Bible that are all read on Jewish holidays: Ruth, Esther, Song of Songs, Ecclesiastes, and Lamentations. The books will be analyzed from the point of view of contents, central ideas, literary structure, motifs, and historical background.	Wednesday	2:45 PM - 5:25 PM
* BIB 5465	BOOK OF SAMUEL	3	Jindo, Yobu	A critical analysis of selected parts of the Books of Samuel. Certain stories will be studied in detail paying careful attention to literary structure and to the language of the text.	Wednesday	2:45 PM - 5:25 PM
* BIB 5766	THE BOOK OF PSALMS	3	Enlow, Loraine	This course is an introduction to the Book of Psalms. After a review of the rudiments of Hebrew poetry, and a survey of the present state of Psalms research, and an introduction to psalm genres, most of the course will comprise close reading of selected psalms. We will look at psalms both as artifacts of the religious life of ancient Israel, early Judaism and Christianity, and also as they have been appropriated for various purposes by both individuals and communities.	Thursday	10:10: AM - 12:55 PM
HIS 3402	JEWISH MATERIAL CULTURE	3	Perten, Rebecca	Students will gain new understanding of Jewish history (17th century and onward) by learning how to interpret Jewish objects using decorative art and sign history methodologies, as well as gain familiarity with the canon of study of Jewish ritual art objects and material culture. This course can be adapted, in coordination with the instructor and with permission of the JGW program advisor, to fulfill JGW program credit requirements.	Thursday	10:10: AM - 12:55 PM
HIS 3426	JEWISH LAW IN AMERICAN COURTS	3	Bloch, Emmanuel	This course will explore the resolution of Jewish issues (religious, communal, and interpersonal) in American courts. Topics will include: marriage and divorce, synagogue disputes, religious reform, Jewish identity, kosher fraud, Holocaust restitution, and others. We will also look at the possibility and limits of arbitration in religious courts in America.	Tuesday & Thursday	1:05: PM - 2:20 PM
HIS 3539	HISTORY OF JEWISH WOMEN, LATE ANTIQUITY TO EARLY MODERN	3	Siegmund, Stefanie	What was life like for Jewish women in the pre-modern world – their work, their religious practices, their marriages and families? Comparing them to their non-Jewish neighbors we will study regional differences (in Islamic and Christian contexts) and historic developments and pay special attention to the unique features including marriage and the ketubah, niddah, divorce, and women's prayer literature. Same as JGW 3539.	Tuesday & Thursday	4:10: PM - 5:25 PM
HIS 5415	AMERICAN JEWRY SINCE 1945	3	TBA, Instructor	An examination of the major trends in organized Jewish life in the United States from the end of World War II to the current Covid crisis. Topics include changes in the demographic profile and family arrangements of Jews, shifts within synagogues and denominations, the emergence of start-ups and the decline of other agencies, and the reshaping of Jewish identification and attitudes toward Israel.	Wednesday	10:10: AM - 12:55 PM
HIS 5443	THE SHTETL	3	Fishman, David E	An examination of the "Jewish town" in 19th century Eastern Europe, utilizing the methods of social and cultural history. Topics will include: family and gender, class stratification, folk religion and folk-culture, social control and deviance, collective mythology and memory. The course will be based largely on readings of memoir literature and post-Holocaust memorial volumes.	Tuesday	10:10: AM - 12:55 PM
* JTH 3631	SACRED TIME IN HASIDIC MYSTICAL THOUGHT: SHABBAT AND HOLIDAYS	3	Fishbane, Eitan	Through a close reading of original Hebrew sources, we will study a range of hasidic mystical reflections on the meaning of Shabbat and the holidays of the Jewish year. With a comparative eye to the larger question of sacred time in the study of religion, students will explore representative passages from classic and inspirational hasidic homiletics.	Tuesday	2:45 PM - 5:25 PM
* JTH 5442	THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM (REISHIT HOKHMAH); MYSTICISM, EMOTION ETHICS	3	Fishbane, Eitan	This course studies the deep integration between mysticism, emotion, morality, and piety in R. Elijah de Vidas's Sefer Reishit Hokhmah—one of the great and influential classics of 16th century Tzfat, of kabbalistic musar, and of the history of Jewish spirituality more broadly. Through a close reading of the original Hebrew text of Reishit Hokhmah, alongside an array of secondary source scholarship (including interdisciplinary and comparative), our study will center on de Vidas's deep reflections on many topics, including: the nature of love—interpersonal and human-divine; friendship and relationship; fear, anxiety, and anger; ego, pride, and humility; virtue and character; devotion, prayer, and mystical experience; ritual practice and spiritual meaning; and much more.	Thursday	2:45 PM - 5:25 PM

