

# JEWISH STUDIES (JWST)

**JWST 1000 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (4 semester hours)**  
(See THST 1000.)

**JWST 1130 Biblical Hebrew (4 semester hours)**

This is a one-semester "crash course" intended to enable the student to acquire the basics of Biblical Hebrew adequate to understand references in scholarly literature and to begin to read simpler Biblical texts with the use of a dictionary.

**JWST 1136 World Religions in LA (4 semester hours)**

This course is an introduction to the academic study of religion and of world religions, and to the religious traditions of Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, and other current religious trends. Special emphasis is placed upon how these religious traditions have emerged within the context of Los Angeles, how they have changed, grown, and adapted to their new surroundings. University Core fulfilled: Foundations: Studies in American Diversity.

**JWST 1190 New Testament Contexts (4 semester hours)**

This course introduces students to the New Testament writings in their historical, literary, social/political, and religious contexts. Students will learn various methodological approaches to the study of the New Testament, as well as consider the history of interpretation and the role of modern social-location in the interpretive process. University Core fulfilled: Foundations: Theological Inquiry.

**JWST 1998 Special Studies (1-4 semester hours)**

**JWST 1999 Independent Studies (1-4 semester hours)**

**JWST 2998 Special Studies (1-4 semester hours)**

**JWST 2999 Independent Studies (1-4 semester hours)**

**JWST 3000 Modern Jewish History (4 semester hours)**

This course is a history of the Jewish people from the 17th century to the present. Principal themes include the transformation of the traditional community, the changes in Jews' political status, the emergence of modern anti-Semitism, and ethnic and gender distinctions within Jewry. University Core fulfilled: Explorations: Historical Analysis and Perspectives; Flag: Information Literacy.

**JWST 3349 Longing and Belonging: The Literatures of Israel (4 semester hours)**  
(See ENGL 3349.)

**JWST 3456 Jewish Experience from Fiction to Film (4 semester hours)**

Using film and fiction about the Jewish experience, this course examines how these interconnected disciplines explore the shaping of the modern Jewish experience. In particular, this course asks questions about the nature of transformation through the lens of culture, art, and society. What is gained and what is lost in the translation from written to visual story? University Core fulfilled: INT: Interdisciplinary Connections

**JWST 3500 Politics of Modern Israel (4 semester hours)**

This course examines the rise of Jewish nationalism, Theodore Herzl, and the rise of political Zionism. We will discuss Zionism after Herzl, the Balfour Declaration, the seeds of Arab-Jewish confrontation, Palestine in World War II, postwar Palestine, the war of independence, and the growth of the Israeli republic. Other topics include Israel's search for peace and security, economic and social growth, the Six-Day War, the Yom Kippur War, the Likud era, peace with Egypt, and Israel's involvement in Lebanon, Gaza, and its relationship with Iran. Israeli society is quite heterogeneous, and the many peoples of Israel will be examined from the perspective of nationality and ethnicity as well as from the perspective of religion, gender, and economic status.

**JWST 3510 Ideas of Zionism (4 semester hours)**

Students will investigate the beginning of the modern chapter of Jewish history in the granting of full citizenship to the Jews in France as a result of the Revolution of 1789, through to its contemporary political success in the 1948 creation of the state of Israel. University Core fulfilled: Explorations: Historical Analysis and Perspectives.

**JWST 3600 RP. Studies in World Lit (4 semester hours)**

See ENGL 3600

**JWST 3636 Trends of Jewish Thought (4 semester hours)**

This course explores the varieties of traditional and contemporary Jewish expression, including Hasidic, Orthodox, Reform, and "just Jewish." The course features guest presenters, field experiences, film, and other media resources. University Core fulfilled: Integrations: Faith and Reason; Flag: Engaged Learning.

**JWST 3750 Judaism: Religion, History, and Culture (Ancient through Modern) (4 semester hours)**

(See THST 3100.)

**JWST 3998 Special Studies (1-4 semester hours)**

**JWST 3999 Independent Studies (1-4 semester hours)**

**JWST 4160 Jewish Image in Film and Television (3 semester hours)**

Examination of the ways that Jewish people, their culture, and faith have been represented and have represented themselves in film and TV. Screenings, lecture, discussion. Junior standing required. Lab fee required.

**JWST 4260 Literature and Faith in the Holy Land (4 semester hours)**

This course is held on-site in Israel. It examines the concept of hospitality through encounters with diverse communities and people. University Core fulfilled: Integrations: Interdisciplinary Connections; Flag: Engaged Learning.

**JWST 4320 The Holocaust in American Film and Literature (4 semester hours)**

This class examines the ways in which the disciplines of film and literature shape American consciousness about the European catastrophe of the Holocaust. Key to these interpretations is the role of culture, art, and society. University Core fulfilled: Integrations: Interdisciplinary Connections.

**JWST 4340 Literature of the Holocaust (4 semester hours)**

(See ENGL 5534.)

**JWST 4350 The History and Psychology of the Holocaust and Genocide: Perspectives on Power (4 semester hours)**

Using case studies, such as the Armenian genocide, the Holocaust, and the Rwandan genocide, this class examines how historians and psychologists explain the phenomenon of genocide in the modern world. University Core fulfilled: Integrations: Interdisciplinary Connections; Flag: Writing.

**JWST 4360 Poland and the Holocaust (4 semester hours)**

This course is held on-site in Poland, and may include travel to Germany, the Czech Republic, or other locations. It may be taken more than once provided the content is considerably different each time. The focus is on the long history of Jewish life in Europe while considering as the impact of the Holocaust on the European landscape. University Core fulfilled: Integrations: Faith and Reason; Flag: Engaged Learning.

**JWST 4370 Nazi Germany and Questions of Conscience (4 semester hours)**

This course engages students in a critical consideration of the moral, religious, and theological implications of the Nazi regime. Through study of historical and theological texts, it explores the behavior and teachings of the Christian churches, their leaders, and lay adherents, as well as Jewish responses to the challenges posed by the Nazi regime. University Core fulfilled: Integrations: Faith and Reason.

**JWST 4375 History of Antisemitism (4 semester hours)**

This course focuses on relations between Jews and non-Jews from antiquity to the present, emphasizing the intellectual, religious, political, and socio-economic roots of Jew-hatred. University Core fulfilled: Explorations: Historical Analysis and Perspectives.

**JWST 4400 Interreligious Experience and Engagement (4 semester hours)**

This seminar focuses on interreligious engagement and experience, exploring the diversity of faith traditions at LMU, in Los Angeles, and throughout the nation and world, by deliberate encounters with the Other. It will challenge students to reflect on fundamental questions of faith and identify within communities. It will examine the theory and practice of interreligious engagement, including: Bilateral (e.g., Catholic-Jewish) and trilateral (e.g., Christian-Jewish-Muslim) seminars and conferences of scholars and clergy; Multi-faith religious celebrations and worship services; Joint social action and social justice programs; Conflict resolution projects; Coalitions based on shared values. The readings, discussions, and site visits will provide theoretical and theological foundations for consideration of pluralism and other inclusive approaches to our interreligious context. Readings and class discussions will educate students about the beliefs, practices, and communities of diverse religious groups. Students will develop leadership strategies to establish, sustain, and advance interreligious engagements. University Core fulfilled: Flags: Faith and Reason, Engaged Learning.

**JWST 4500 Imagining Jewishness in the Middle Ages (4 semester hours)**

This interdisciplinary course explores how images of Jewishness were invented and contested in English literary, historical, and theological writings, visual art, and material culture from the Middle Ages.

**JWST 4545 Keeping the Faith: Jewish Resilience in the Modern Era (4 semester hours)**

This class will explore external and internal pressures on Jewish communities, the teachings of their leaders, and Jewish responses to the challenges posed by exile and by modernity to Jewish traditions, values, and theological positions. Questions of ultimate concern include: under what conditions is religious reform permissible, how does one balance religious tradition and belief with the demands of secular authorities, how does one believe in a benevolent God after Auschwitz? University Core fulfilled: Integrations: Faith and Reason.

**JWST 4600 ETL: Global Jewish Literature (4 semester hours)**

See ENGL 4600

**JWST 4900 Capstone Project (4 semester hours)**

This senior-level internship course is restricted to Jewish Studies minors. Students may choose a major service or research project in lieu of an internship. All students work closely with the Jewish Studies Program director.

**JWST 4918 Jewish Faith and Culture Abroad (4 semester hours)**

This course is held on-site in country. It examines the culture and faith traditions of Jewish communities outside the U.S. University Core fulfilled: Integrations: Interdisciplinary Connections; Flag: Engaged Learning.

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