



# Short Syllabus



Course Title	Credits
From Zionism to Communism and Back: Jews in the Soviet and Post-Soviet Periods, 1917-2020	4
<b>Lecturer</b>	
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<b>Semester</b>	
Fall 2022	
<b>Short Description</b>	
In the course, we will follow the history of the Jews in Soviet Russia and the USSR, starting from the Russian revolutions of 1917, through the years of Stalinist terror, the Holocaust, and the emergence of the Jewish national movement in the late post-Stalin years. The Jewish experience during the collapse of the Soviet regime and in the post-Soviet years will also be discussed. Along with essential secondary materials, we will read primary sources – ideological statements, parts of personal diaries, transcripts of KGB surveillance reports, and so on.	
<b>Final grade components</b>	
<b>Minor assignments:</b> A research proposal for the seminar paper, that formulates a research question, and provides a short overview of the planned paper (10%)	
<b>Midterm:</b> A short paper [1500-2000 words] analyzing at least two texts – either research or primary sources – from the reading list (20%)	
<b>Final requirement:</b> A seminar paper [7000-10000 words](60%)	
<b>Participation:</b> Active participation in discussions and text interpretations (10%)	
<b>Attendance</b>	
Attendance is mandatory. Students are permitted a maximum of three unauthorized absences without penalty. Any additional absences will affect the final grade and may result in failure of the course.*	
<b>Academic Conduct</b>	
Plagiarism is taken extremely seriously. Any instance of academic misconduct which includes: submitting someone else's work as your own; failure to accurately cite sources; taking words from another source without using quotation marks; submission of work for which you have previously received credit; working in a group for individual assignments; using unauthorized materials in an	



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exam and sharing your work with other students, will result in failure of the assignment and will likely lead to further disciplinary measures.\*

## **Final assignment**

Submission deadlines are published on the Liberal Arts website. Students requiring an extension for a final paper must submit an Academic Committee Request Form to the Liberal Arts office in advance of the deadline. Late papers will be subject to a point deduction.\*

## **Additional requirements**

Students are required to keep phones turned off while in class.

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\* See Liberal Arts academic handbook for further details