



# Short Syllabus

Course Title	Credits
History of Jews in the Islamic World in Modern Times	2
<b>Lecturer</b>	
Dr. Alon Tam	
<b>Contact details</b>	
Office Hours: Sundays, 16:00--17:00	
<b>Semester</b>	
Fall	
<b>Short Description</b>	
<p>This course addresses several recurring questions about the history of Jews in the core regions of the Islamic World. Although we will explore some foundational concepts and historical realities, we will focus on the period from approximately 1800 to 2000. Geographically, we will learn about the Ottoman Empire and the regions beyond it (Iran, Morocco, Yemen), and especially about the modern nation states that were established in their wake. Thematically, we will discuss topics such as Muslim-Christian-Jewish relations, modernization, identity, political and ideological movements (communism, nationalism, Zionism), social and economic conditions, culture, gender dynamics, urban realities, Mizrahim in Israel, memory and nostalgia, and more. Students will leave the class with a firm grasp of the social and cultural history of Jews in the Islamic World, and will also be introduced to basic methods of inquiry in history, sociology, anthropology, and cultural studies.</p>	
<b>Final grade components</b>	
<p><b>Minor assignments:</b> 3 minor assignments, 1 page each, that analyze a primary source (total of 15% of final grade).</p> <p><b>Midterm:</b> In-class exam (19% of final grade).</p> <p><b>Final requirement:</b> 5-6-pages paper (46% of final grade).</p> <p><b>Participation:</b> Active participation in class discussions (20% of final grade).</p>	
<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 deadline will be published on the Liberal Arts website. Students requiring an extension for the 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**

Please keep phones turned-off while in class.

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\* See Liberal Arts academic handbook for further details