



Short Syllabus



Course Title

The Modern Jewish Experience (Required) (4 credits)

Lecturer

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Semester

Fall 2021 (Monday and Wednesday, 12.00-14.00)

Short Description

This course is an introductory survey of the major currents in Jewish culture and society from the late eighteenth century to the present, and presupposes no previous background in modern Jewish history. The course focuses on the history of the Jews in Europe, with an emphasis on Central and Eastern Europe. It also includes lectures on major themes in American Jewish history and in the Muslim world. Topics include the impact of emancipation and modernity; the emergence of modern varieties of Judaism; Jews between East and West; the rise of modern anti-Semitism; Zionism, the Holocaust, and the establishment of the State of Israel.

Final grade components

Midterm (An in-class exam)	19%
Short oral presentation (In groups)	20%
Final assignment (A 2500 word essay)	61%

All written work must be submitted via Moodle.

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory. Students are permitted a maximum of three absences without penalty. Any additional absences will affect the final grade and may result in failure of the course.

Academic Conduct

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

Additional requirements

Please keep phones turned-off while in class.