

Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies

Fall 2013 Courses

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS

GREK V3015 Philo of Alexandria: Historical Treatises and the Contemplative Life (Advanced Greek)

Day/Time: MW 2.40-3.55 TBA Points: 3

Instructor: S. Schwartz

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

HIST W3611x Jews and Judaism in Antiquity

Call Number: 28996 00 Points: 3

Day/Time: MW 10:10a - 11:25a TBA

Instructor: S. Schwartz

HIST 3630 American Jewish History

Call Number: 21082 001 Points: 3

Day/Time: TuTh 1:10p - 2:25p TBA

Instructor: R. Kobrin

Explores the interaction between the changing makeup of Jewish immigration, the changing social and economic conditions in the United States, and the religious, communal, cultural, and political group life of American Jews.

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MIDDLE EASTERN, SOUTH ASIAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES

MDES 1517 Hebrew for Heritage Speakers I

Call Number: 10929 001 Points: 3

Day/Time: MTuWTh 11:00a - 11:50a TBA

Instructor: N. Bershon

Hebrew for Heritage Speakers I forms part of a year-long sequence with Hebrew for Heritage Speakers II. The course is intended for those who have developed basic speaking and listening skills through exposure to Hebrew at home or in day-school programs but do not use Hebrew as their dominant language and have not reached the level required for exemption from the Columbia language requirement. Heritage speakers differ in the degree of their fluency, but their vocabulary is often limited to topics in daily life and many lack skills in reading and writing to match their ability to converse. The course focuses on grammar and vocabulary enrichment, exposing students to a variety of cultural and social topics in daily life and beyond. By the end of the semester students are able to read and discuss simple texts and write about a variety of topics. Successful completion of the year-long sequence prepares students to enroll in third-year modern Hebrew.

MDES 4510 Third Year Modern Hebrew I

Call Number: 73209 001 Points: 4

Day/Time: TuTh 9:00a - 10:50a TBA

Instructor: N. Bershon

Third Year Hebrew builds on the foundation of two years of intensive focus on grammar, syntax and prepositions. The objective of this course is primary vocabulary building and further development of

speaking, reading and writing skills. Students will read short stories, poems, newspapers article and short articles of current events. They will also listen to the Hebrew program webcast and watch some Israeli classic T.V programs.

MDES 1510 First Year Modern Hebrew: Elementary I

Section: 01 Call Number: 61687 001 Points: 5

Day/Time: MTuWTh 10:10a - 11:15a TBA

Instructor: R. Kreitman

Section: 02 Call Number: 25766 002 Points: 5

Day/Time: MTuWTh 11:40a - 12:45p TBA

Instructor: I. Gonen

This is an introductory course for which no prior knowledge is required. Equal emphasis is given to listening, speaking, reading, writing and grammar. Daily homework includes grammar exercises, short answers, reading, or paragraph writing. Frequent vocabulary and grammar quizzes.

MDES 151 MDES W1512x Second Year Modern Hebrew: Intermediate I

Section: 01 Call Number: 26664 001 Points: 5

Day/Time: MTuWTh 1:10p - 2:15p TBA

Instructor: R. Kreitman

Section: 02 Call Number: 66727 002 Points: 5

Day/Time: MTuWTh 11:40a - 12:45p TBA

Instructor: I. Gonen

Prerequisite: MDES W1511 or the equivalent. Equal emphasis is given to listening, speaking, reading and writing. Regular categories of the Hebrew verb, prepositions, and basic syntax are taught systematically. Vocabulary building. Daily homework includes grammar exercises, short answers, reading, or short compositions. Frequent vocabulary and grammar quizzes.

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

MUSI V2030y Jewish Music of New York

Call Number: 12110 001 Points: 3

Day/Time: MW 4:10p - 5:25p 814 DODGE

Instructor: M. Kligman

This course will look at musical life of Jews in three broad contexts: art music, popular music, and non-European traditions. This will include liturgical, para-liturgical, folk, pop, rock and the growing practices that synthesizes styles and genres. From the mid 1600s until today Jews immigrated from Europe, South America, the middle East and Asia to America, New York City is the focal point of this migration. The music of Jews in New York is diverse, dynamic and eclectic. During the semester there will be visits to various venues to meet composers and performers and to investigate the ongoing dialogue of preserving tradition and innovating new ideas to express and encounter Jewishness in New York today.

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL G4095 Medieval Hebrew Philosophic Texts (For students who read Hebrew)

Call Number: 67812 001 Points: 3

Day/Time: Monday, 2:10-4:00 TBA

Instructor: Z. Harvey

PHIL G4170 Medieval Philosophy

Call Number: 69683 001 Points: 3

Day/Time: Tuesday, 10:10-12:00 TBA

Instructor: Z. Harvey

A general course in medieval philosophy, including Jewish, Christian, and Muslim philosophers. It has no language requirement. It is appropriate for Institute students since Jewish philosophy comprises 1/3 of the material studied.

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION**RELI 2505 Intro to Judaism**

Call Number: 06829 001 Points: 3

Day/Time: MW 10:10a - 11:25a TBA

Instructor: B. Berkowitz

A historical overview of Jewish belief and practice as these have crystallized and changed over the centuries. Special attention to ritual and worship, the forms of religious literature, central concepts, religious leadership and institutions, Israel among the nations.

RELI 4509 Crime and Punishment in Jewish Culture

Call Number: 04002 001 Points: 4

Day/Time: M 2:10p - 4:00p TBA

Instructor: B. Berkowitz

Explores ethical, cultural, and political dimensions of Jewish criminal punishment from the Bible through modernity, with focus on death penalty and running reference to Foucault's Discipline and Punish. Topics include: interaction between law and narrative; Jewish power to punish; Sanhedrin trial of Jesus; ritualization of execution; prison; torture; martyrdom.

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**SOCI 4032 Sociology of Labor Markets**

Call Number: 64244 001 Points: 3

Day/Time: M 2:10p - 4:00p TBA

Instructor: Y. Cohen

We will discuss the main concepts and processes necessary for understanding the functioning of labor markets in rich countries. The main topics to be discussed are: changes in the employment relationships, trends in labor force participation, the dynamics of occupations and industries, unemployment and underemployment, human capital and formal education, wage determination and earnings inequality, information and social networks in the labor markets, segmented labor markets, labor unions, labor market discrimination, ethnic and gender inequalities, and immigrants in the labor market. At the end of the course students are expected to be familiar with the main debates and developments in the field of sociology of labor markets.

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YIDDISH/GERMANIC LANGUAGES**YIDD W1101 Elementary Yiddish**

Call Number: 63989 001 Points: 4

Day/Time: TuThF 10:10a - 11:25a TBA

Instructor: TBA

Thorough study of elementary Yiddish grammar, with reading, composition, and oral practice. The cultural and linguistic background of the language is discussed.

YIDD W1201 Intermediate Yiddish

Call Number: 28415 001 Points: 4

Day/Time: TuThF 1:10p - 2:25p TBA

Instructor: TBA

Prerequisites: YIDD W1101-W1102 or the instructor's permission. Continuing study of grammar on a higher level. Continuing oral practice; readings from texts of significant literary value dealing with important aspects of Jewish life and culture.