

JEWISH, ISLAMIC, AND MIDDLE EAST STUDIES

Jewish, Islamic and Middle East Studies will illuminate the general questions of our liberal arts and sciences curriculum from the purview of Jews, Muslims, and other Middle Easterners. The program will allow students interested in Jewish and Islamic religion and Middle Eastern history, politics, and culture to focus on a deeper understanding of the contribution of Judaism and Islam to the development of world civilizations. Part of what distinguishes this program from others like it nationally is that it will require students to understand the entangled and interconnected histories, cultures, and politics of Jews, Muslims, and other religious groups over time and in different contexts, as well as the similarities and conflicts between these groups. Furthermore, this program seeks to incorporate college-wide conversations about integration and diversity on campus with the rigors of academic investigation. This program will house three different minors in (1) Jewish Studies; (2) Islamic and Middle East Studies; and (3) Jewish, Islamic and Middle East Studies. Please see our website for more information (<https://www.rhodes.edu/academics/majors-minors/jewish-islamic-and-middle-east-studies>) and/or contact our chair **Prof. Ety Terem** (tereme@rhodes.edu).

Spring 2021 Course Offerings

- Courses that count towards the ***Islamic & Middle East Studies Minor***
 - A) Historical
 - HIST 105: The Israel-Palestine conflict
 - HIST 105: Egypt in the Age of Cleopatra
 - HIST 105: Race and Racism
 - HIST 276: The Re-Making of the 20th Century Middle East
 - HIST 405: Sex, Gender, and Religious Identity in the Medieval World
 - B) Cultural
 - RELS 102: The Bible and Islam (2 sections)
 - RELS 258: The Qur'an: Past and Present
 - C) Political
 - INTS 423: Authoritarianism
- Courses that count towards the ***Jewish Studies Minor***
 - HIST 105: Race and Racism
 - HIST 320/PHIL 250: State and Religion: The Jewish Question
 - HIST 405: Sex, Gender, and Religious Identity in the Medieval World
 - RELS 102: The Bible and Divine Morality
- Courses that count towards the ***Jewish, Islamic and Middle East Studies Minor***
 - Students will need to take at courses both in Jewish Studies and in Islamic & Middle East Studies

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**Have you taken any of the following courses?
You may already have started your minor
towards Jewish, Islamic and Middle East
Studies.**

- ART 209: Art and Architecture of the Ancient Near East and Egypt
- GRS 265: Barbarians and Gentiles: Cultures in the Ancient Mediterranean (Ancient Iran)
- GRRO 290: Fall of the Roman Empire
- HEB 201: Hebrew
- HEB 202: Intermediate Hebrew
- HIST 105: Special Topics (when subject matter pertains to Jewish, Islamic and Middle East Studies):
 - Examples: Pharaonic Egypt, Egypt after the pharaohs, Egypt in late antiquity, Terrorism, Torture, and Anti-Colonialism: The Algerian War of Independence, Race and Racism, Israel-Palestine Conflict, Why Hitler
- HIST 211: The Ancient Mediterranean
- HIST 223: The Fall of the Roman Empire, 300-700 CE
- HIST 275: The Making of the Modern Middle East
- HIST 276: Re-Making the Twentieth Century Middle East
- HIST 277/INTS 265/RELS 258: Modern Islamic Thought
- HIST 320: Modern Jewish Thought and Culture
- HIST 375: Islamic History and Civilization
- HIST 405: Anti-Semitism
- HIST 421/FR 335: Representing Racism in French Literature and Culture
- HIS 475: Colonial Encounters in North Africa and Beyond
- INTS 243: Governments & Politics of the Middle East
- INTS 244: Issues in Middle East Politics
- INTS 245: US Foreign Policy in the Middle East
- INTS 334: Religion & Politics
- RELS 101-102: The Bible: Texts and Contexts (when subject matter pertains to Jewish, Islamic and Middle East Studies)
 - Examples: The Hebrew Bible and its Reception, The Bible and the Qur'an, The Bible and Islam
- RELS 232: Holocaust
- RELS 253: Judaism
- RELS 258: Topics in the History of Religions (when subject matter pertains to Islamic and Middle East Studies)
 - Example: Muslim-Christian Relations, Women in Islam, Islamophobia
- RELS 260: Archeology & Hebrew Bible (Religious Studies 200)
- RELS 276-277: Selected Topics in Hebrew/Bible/Old Testament (when subject matter pertains to Jewish, Islamic and Middle East Studies)
 - examples: The Bible and Empire, Biblical Figures in the Qur'an
- RELS 300-301: Selected Topics in Religious Studies t (when subject matter pertains to Jewish, Islamic and Middle East Studies)
 - Example: Atypical Biblical Prophets
- SPAN 303: Survey of Spanish Literature: Conflicts and Coexistences
- SPAN 365: Christians, Muslims, and Jews in Spain: Past and Present