

COURSE DETAIL

INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF JUDAISM

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

University College London

Program(s)

University College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Religious Studies

UCEAP Course Number

105

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF JUDAISM

UCEAP Transcript Title

INTRO/STUDY JUDAISM

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

What is Judaism? Since Judaism has a history spanning more than three millennia and all five continents, it inevitably means different things to different people. The academic study of Judaism tries to answer the question by focusing on Jewish practice, tradition, and history with a variety of perspectives: The definition of Judaism: is it a religion, culture, or ethnicity? Is it monolithic, essential, and static, or rather diverse, hybrid, and dynamic? What are the texts and practices that define Judaism? What are the central concepts of rabbinic Judaism? How does rabbinic legal text and reasoning work? What are the places and shapes of Jewish worship? How do tradition and modernization make their mark felt in the history of Judaism, from Antiquity to the present day? How does Judaism interact with other religions? Which are the contemporary ways of connecting with the Jewish tradition?

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

HEBR0014

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Hebrew and Jewish Studies

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