

# 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 Course Details

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/module-catalogue/modules/introduction-to-the-study-of-jud...>

### Host Institution Campus

### Host Institution Faculty

### Host Institution Degree

### Host Institution Department

Hebrew and Jewish Studies

**Course Last Reviewed**

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