

COURSE DETAIL

MODERN JEWISH HISTORY (1800 - PRESENT)

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

University College London

Program(s)

University College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

History

UCEAP Course Number

125

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

MODERN JEWISH HISTORY (1800 - PRESENT)

UCEAP Transcript Title

MODERN JEWISH HIST

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

Few chapters in all of history are as dramatic—both tragic and spectacular—as modern Jewish history. The apparent success of Jewish emancipation was challenged by popular and religious non-Jewish opposition, and efforts among Jews to control or turn back such changes. No matter what, Judaism and Jews did not stand still. Antisemitism gained traction as reactionary utopia, along with the persistence of traditional prejudice and discrimination. Against this background there arose a variety of Jewish ideologies, including: Modern Orthodoxy, Reform Judaism, Zionism, Territorialism, Variants of socialism, "Ultra" orthodoxies, and National extremism.

In the nineteenth and twentieth centuries Jewish life changed radically, and European Jewry came close to being totally wiped out in the Holocaust. Since the late eighteenth century, Jews had sought new ways to think about and live in the modern world. Numerous individuals of Jewish origin took the lead in attempting to understand the changes wrought by modernity—including: Karl Marx, Sigmund Freud, Theodor Herzl, Bertha Pappenheimer, Emma Goldman, Hannah Arendt, Walter Benjamin, Susan Sontag, and Philip Roth.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

HEBR0013

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/module-catalogue/modules/modern-jewish-history-1800-prese...>

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Hebrew and Jewish Studies

Course Last Reviewed

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