

COURSE DETAIL

HISTORY OF JEWS IN POLAND A

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 History

UCEAP Course Number

142

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

HISTORY OF JEWS IN POLAND A

UCEAP Transcript Title

HIST: JEWS/POLAND A

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

The Jewish eastern European encounter was among the most significant in the history of the European diasporic encounter. This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the political, legal, religious, cultural, and social ramifications of this encounter. It offers in-depth analysis of the emergence of Jewish autonomy and of the variegated cultural life of Jewish communities. It reflects on religious diversification including heretic and dissenting challenges to communal hierarchies and on the scope and limits of social, cultural and legal integration, as well as on the dramatic consequences of the partitions of Poland. It offers insights into the trajectories of formerly Polish-Jewish communities in Russia, the Habsburg Empire, and Prussia, as well as the impact of mass emigration. The emergence of very large Jewish communities and the impact of emigration from Eastern Europe in the late 19th century includes a reflection on the echoes of Eastern European Jewish culture in the Americas and in Palestine/Israel. Jewish political mobilization in the 20th c., the impact of antisemitism and anti-Jewish violence, and the catastrophe of the German occupation and the Holocaust are discussed as well as the attempts to rebuild Jewish life after the war and under communism.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

HEBR0057

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/module-catalogue/modules/history-of-the-jews-in-poland-a-...>

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department
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