



Spring 2020

For full details about the Judaic Studies minor see <https://umaine.edu/las/interdisciplinary-judaic-studies-minor/> or contact program coordinator Derek A. Michaud, derek.a.michaud@maine.edu, (207) 581-3890.

Judaic Studies

CLA 202-0990 Mythology of the Ancient Near East, North Africa, and Greece 3 Cr. On-line Surveys the mythologies of the ancient Mediterranean Basin, including Hebrew Mythology. Through lectures, reading and video the major deities and heroes of each culture will be presented within their cultural context, including the stories associated with them. **Instructor:** James Patrick Brophy.

HBR 102-0001 Beginning Modern Hebrew II 3 Cr. LH220 12:30-1:45 PM, TTh Continued study of the basics of the Hebrew language, with equal emphasis on developing reading, listening comprehension, speaking, and writing skills. Continued discussion of Hebrew as an expression of Jewish culture in Israel and the United States. For students with one semester study of Hebrew or the equivalent as determined through consultation with the instructor. **General Education Requirements:** Cultural Diversity and International Perspectives. **Prerequisites:** HBR 101 or equivalent. **Instructor:** Shellie Batuski.

JST 383-0001 Topics in Judaic Studies: The Abrahamic Religions: Faith & Reason in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam 3 Cr. MAP10 9:30-10:45 AM, TTh This course explores the metaphysical and existential implications of monotheism in the religious thought and practice of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam from antiquity to the medieval period. Special attention will be paid to the ways intense philosophical and spiritual reflection on the question of the nature of the God of Abraham has shaped each tradition. We will track the development of these Abrahamic faiths through their formative periods from antiquity to the 20th century CE as well as central issues in the philosophy of religion including the relationship between revealed scripture and human reason, and the nature and existence of God. Along the way, we will also notice how major figures in each tradition were informed by each other as they attempted to come to terms with the demands of their religions and the rigors of philosophy. Readings will include selections from the Hebrew Bible, Christian New Testament, the Quran, Philo of Alexandria, Plotinus, the Talmud, Augustine of Hippo, Saadia Gaon, Anselm of Canterbury, Al-Ghazali, Ibn Rushd, Maimonides, Thomas Aquinas, Martin Luther, Mulla Sudra, Baruch Spinoza, Blaise Pascal, Martin Buber, and Paul Tillich. **Instructor:** Derek A. Michaud.

PAX 201-0860 Introduction to Peace & Reconciliation Studies 3 Cr. SL217 4:00-6:50 PM, T Introduces students to various concepts in the field of Peace and Reconciliation Studies. Topics include forms of violence and their relationship to social structure and cultural practices; global militarization and environmental destruction and their impact on human needs; and peace-making and conflict resolution at both micro and macro levels. **General Education Requirements:** Social Contexts and Institutions and Cultural Diversity and International Perspectives. **Instructor:** Hugh J. Curran.