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SOCIAL HISTORY OF THE JEWS: ANTIQUITY TO PRESENT
HIST 2250 W

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Course Description

This course is a survey of Jewish life from the origins of Jewish peoplehood and the beginnings of Jewish culture and religion to the twenty-first century. After having gained an understanding of how Jewish civilization evolved as a diaspora culture in the ancient world, we shall examine how Jews successfully maintained their distinct life styles and their patterns of communal organization in a large range of historical, geographical, and political settings. We will explore the fabric of Jewish life and its specificity in the social, cultural, religious, and economic dimensions of Jewish existence. We shall also examine the ways in which Jews have always formed a part of the societies in which they lived, though they often experienced hostility, rejection, or even persecution. Thus, in this class, we will survey the history of Christian Europe, of the Muslim world, and of North America from the perspective of the Jewish minority.

Required Readings

To Be Purchased

- John Efron et al., *The Jews: A History*, Prentice Hall, 2014,
- William W. Hallo et al., *Heritage: Civilization and the Jews - Source Reader*, Praeger, 1984,

Available at the Bookstore **and** on Reserve at Dafoe Library

- Judith Baskin, *Jewish Women in Historical Perspective*, 1998,
- Jane Gerber, *The Jews of Spain: A History of the Sephardic Experience*, 1994,
- Kenneth Stow, *Alienated Minority: The Jews of Medieval Latin Europe*, 1992.

- Handouts, as provided in class.

Note on Jewish Holidays

There will be NO CLASS on Thursday, September 21, due to the observance of Rosh Hashana. On Shemini Atzeret (Thursday, October 12), a self-directed study & open-book test will take place. Students who wish not to attend, due to holiday observance, are asked to make alternative arrangements with me in advance. There will be no make-ups for this open-book test.

Assignments and Final Grade	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Percentage of Final Grade</u>
Attendance and participation		5 %
Open-book test	Oct. 12	2 %
Outline for document analysis	Oct. 19	4 %
Document analysis, 6-8 pages (double-space, 12pt Times New Roman, 1" margins)	Nov. 21	16 %
Midterm exam	Dec. 7	20 %
Outline and preliminary bibliography for essay	Jan. 30	5 %
Research essay, 8-10 pages (double-space, 12pt Times New Roman, 1" margins)	Mar. 20	18 %
Final exam	TBA	30 %

Evaluation on the written assignments of the first semester will be provided prior to the voluntary withdrawal date (January 16, 2018).

Since this is a course that meets the University Senate's W requirement, students must complete all essay assignments with a passing grade in order to pass the course.

Late Assignments

Late term work will be accepted after the due dates with a penalty of one grade-point out of 100, per assignment, per day that the assignment is late, including weekends, unless a written request (with serious reasons) has been submitted in advance of the due date and I have granted written permission.

Make-up mid-term exams are only available when students present a doctor's note documenting their illness on the day of the exam. Students must make themselves available for exams scheduled during the final exam period. Exam conflicts and other requests for deferred exams must be discussed with the student's Faculty.

The Letter Grade Distribution for this course is as follows

A+	96 - 100 %	C+	66 - 70 %
A	86 - 95 %	C	56 - 65 %
B+	81 - 85 %	D	50 - 55 %
B	71 - 80 %	F	0 - 49 %

Appealing Grades

Students who wish to appeal a grade given for term work must do so within 10 working days after the grade for the term work has been made available to them.

Uncollected Term Work

If a student does not pick up term work within four (4) months following the end of the course, the assignment becomes the property of the Faculty of Arts and will be subject to confidential destruction.

Plagiarism and Cheating

The University's regulations re: plagiarism, cheating and impersonation may be found in the section on "Academic Integrity" of the General Academic Regulations in the online Academic Calendar, and Catalog and the Faculty of Arts regulation at:

http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/student_resources/student_responsibilities.html, which reads:

The common penalty in Arts for plagiarism on a written assignment is a grade of F on the paper and a final grade of F (DISC) (for Disciplinary Action) for the course. For the most serious acts of plagiarism, such as purchase of an essay and repeat violations, this penalty can also include suspension for a period of up to five (5) years from registration in courses taught in a particular department/program in Arts or from all courses taught in this Faculty.

The Faculty also reserves the right to submit student work that is suspected of being plagiarized to Internet sites designed to detect plagiarism or to other experts for authentication.

The common penalty in Arts for academic dishonesty on a test or examination is F for the paper, F (DISC) for the course, and a one-year suspension from courses acceptable for credit in the Faculty. For more serious acts of academic dishonesty on a test or examination, such as repeat violations, this penalty can also include suspension for a period of up to five years from registration in courses taught in a particular department or program in Arts or from all courses taught in or accepted for credit by this Faculty.

Student Academic Resources

You have access to several important resources to help you navigate your classes and university life more generally. There are writing tutors available to help you with your essays through the Academic Learning Centre (ALC): <http://umanitoba.ca/student/academiclearning/>. The History Department will also make a writing tutor available exclusively to History students in the Department on one day a week. More information about scheduling, etc., TBA.

The ALC page also has resources to help you with study skills, organization, as well as assistance for students using English as an Additional Language (EAL). Other issues, including accessibility services, workshops, and tips about academic integrity are addressed at the Student Advocacy Services webpage (http://umanitoba.ca/student/resource/student_advocacy/).

All of the above services can also be accessed under the heading of Student Resources on the Student Affairs website: <http://umanitoba.ca/student/studentlife/index.html>.

History students can also take advantage of the huge range of academic materials (including primary and secondary sources, as well as pages to help with writing and referencing) made available by the History subject librarians, tailored just for you! The materials are available on the Libraries page at this link: <http://libguides.lib.umanitoba.ca/history>. Students who need research assistance can also schedule an appointment with a librarian through the website.

Student Counseling Centre

Contact SCC if you are concerned about any aspect of your mental health, including an anxiety, stress, or depression, or for help with relationships or other life concerns. SCC offers crisis services as well as counseling. <http://umanitoba.ca/student/counselling/index.html>

Student Support Case Management

Contact the Student Support Case Management team if you are concerned about yourself or another student and don't know where to turn. SSCM helps connect students with on and off campus resources, provides safety planning, and offers other supports, including consultation, educational workshops, and referral to the STATIS threat assessment team.

<http://umanitoba.ca/student/case-manager/index.html>

University Health Service

Contact UHS for any medical concerns, including mental health problems. UHS offers a full range of medical services to students, including psychiatric consultation.

<http://umanitoba.ca/student/health/>

Student Advocacy

Contact Student Advocacy if you want to know more about your rights and responsibilities as a student, have questions about policies and procedures, and/or want support in dealing with academic or discipline concerns. <http://umanitoba.ca/student/advocacy>

UM History Student Association (UMHiSA)

UMHiSA is a history undergraduate student-run organization that seeks to establish a sense of community for students studying all facets of history, and provides support for them in their academic career. Students interested in fun times, spirited debate, new opportunities, a community of like-minded students, or all of the above, check out UMHiSA on our facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/422932261087799/> or emailing umhisau@gmail.com.