ISRL - ISRAEL STUDIES

ISRL142 Introduction to Modern Israel (3 Credits)
An introduction to the history, politics, culture and society of modern Israel.
Credit Only Granted for: ISRL142, JWST142, JWST219B.

ISRL249 Selected Topics in Israel Studies (3 Credits)
Topics in the study of Zionism and contemporary Israel from the 1880’s to the present. Future offerings may address history, politics, or culture. Recommended: ISRL142.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

ISRL249G Diversify and Multiply: Jewish Culture and the Production of an Identity (3 Credits)
Provides students with a unique exploration of cultural products produced by a diverse array of Jewish creators of literature, comedy and film. The texts, films, and performing arts touch on the central social, economic, and cultural issues of Jews during the ages, and up to the 21st century. This course will explore Jewish creativity throughout history, as well as the Jewish encounter with modernity as a whole. We will be diving into prominent creators such as Tiffany Haddish, Larry David, Sholem Aleichem, Adam Sandler, S. Y. Abramovitsch, Judd Apatow, Philip Roth, Amy Schumer, I. B. Singer, Ben Stiller, Franz Kafka, Dan Levy, and others. Examining their creations will open a window to the diverse methods of construction of modern Jewish identities.Cross-listed with: JWST272, CMLT242.
Credit Only Granted for: JWST272, CMLT242, or ISRL249G.

ISRL269 Special Topics in Study Abroad II (1-6 Credits)
Special topics course taken as part of an approved study abroad program.
Repeatable to: 15 credits if content differs.

ISRL282 Introduction to Israeli Cinema (3 Credits)
An overview of Israeli cinema, with attention to the distinctive themes, politics, and problems that distinguish Israeli film-making. Taught in English.

ISRL289 New Explorations in Israel Studies (3 Credits)
Investigation of critical and innovative responses in Israel Studies. Although the topic will vary, the course will encourage intellectual exploration by students of fundamental problems and critical methods.

ISRL299 Independent Study in Israel Studies (1-3 Credits)
This lower-level independent study allows students to work closely with an Israel Studies faculty member of their choice, pending prior approval of the faculty member. In this independent study, students will focus on a topic specific to Israel Studies.
Prerequisite: Permission of ARHU-Meyerhoff Program & Center for Jewish Studies.
Repeatable to: 6 credits.

ISRL329 Special Topics in Israel Studies (3 Credits)
Topics in the study of Zionism and contemporary Israel from the 1880’s to the present at an intermediate level. Individual sections may address history, politics, or culture.
Repeatable to: 9 credits if content differs.

ISRL342 History of Modern Israel (3 Credits)
History of modern Israel since the beginning of the Zionist settlement in 1882. Attention to different interpretations and narratives of Israel's history, including the historical and ideological roots of Zionism, the establishment of the State of Israel, ideological forces, wars, and the triumphs and crises of democracy.Cross-listed with: HIST376.
Credit Only Granted for: HIST376 or ISRL342.

ISRL343 Global Migration and the Israeli Case Study (3 Credits)
Over 70% of Israel's population is made of first, second or third generation immigrants, who came from over 70 countries, making Israel an ultimate immigrant society. This course will focus on the history of Israel as a case study for the understanding of the historical phenomena of modern immigration.Cross-listed with: SOCY398G.
Credit Only Granted for: ISRL349K, GVPT368G, SOCY398G, SOCY398I, or ISRL343.
Formerly: ISRL349K.

ISRL349 Investigating Topics in Israel Studies (3-6 Credits)
Topics in the study of Zionism and contemporary Israel from the 1880’s to the present at an intermediate level. Individual sections may address history, politics, or culture. Recommended: ISRL142 and ISRL249.

ISRL369 Special Topics in Study Abroad (1-6 Credits)
Special topics course taken as part of an approved study abroad program.
Repeatable to: 15 credits if content differs.

ISRL448 Seminar in Israel Studies (3 Credits)
Intensive study of an Israel Studies topic. Expected work product is a substantial research or analysis paper or appropriate equivalent.
Recommended: ISRL349 and ISRL249.
Restriction: Must be in the Israel Studies Minor.

ISRL449 Advanced Topics in Israel Studies (3 Credits)
Topics in the study of Zionism and contemporary Israel from the 1880s to the present at the advanced level. Individual sections may address history, politics, or culture. Some Sections may have language or course prerequisites.
Recommended: ISRL349 or ISRL249.
Repeatable to: 6 credits if content differs.

ISRL499 Advanced Independent Study in Israel Studies (1-3 Credits)
This upper-level independent study allows students to work closely with an Israel Studies faculty member of their choice, pending prior approval of the faculty member. In this independent study, students will focus on a topic specific to Israel Studies.
Prerequisite: Permission of ARHU-Meyerhoff Program & Center for Jewish Studies.
Repeatable to: 6 credits.