MODERN JEWISH AND ISRAEL STUDIES (MJIS)

See Course Description Symbols and Terms (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/academic-standards-policies/course-description-symbols-terms/) for an explanation of course description terminology and symbols, the course numbering system, and course credit units.

**MJIS 204W The Stories of Judaism (W)** 3 Units GE, USD, W
Typically Offered: Fall only
This course introduces students to the beliefs and practices of Judaism and the experiences of Jews in history through the lens of scriptural and literary narratives. The course surveys biblical narratives, Rabbinic and Hasidic stories, and modern works by writers such as Sholem Aleichem, Franz Kafka, Isaac Babel, S. Y. Agnon, and Cynthia Ozick. 3 hours discussion. (005860)
General Education: Humanities (C2)
Cross listing(s): RELS 204W
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Lower Division; US Diversity; Writing Course

**MJIS 205 Antisemitism and Islamophobia** 3 Units GE, USD
Typically Offered: Spring only
This course traces the interrelated historical development of anti-Jewish and anti-Muslim persecution. It explores accusations against Jews arising in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome as well as under Christian and Muslim rule, together with the development of modern racial theories about Jews, political forms of anti-Jewish hatred, the Holocaust, and enduring myths of Jewish conspiracies. It also investigates the idea of a “clash of civilizations,” the impact of the Crusades, colonialism, and Islamic resurgence, and the treatment and persecution of Muslim minorities in Western Europe, Russia, Bosnia, China, Israel, Myanmar, India, and the United States. 3 hours discussion. (020675)
General Education: Humanities (C2)
Cross listing(s): RELS 205
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Lower Division; US Diversity

**MJIS 398 Special Topics** 1-3 Units
Prerequisite: Department permission.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
This course is for special topics offered for 1.0-3.0 units. Typically the topic is offered on a one-time-only basis and may vary from term to term and be different for different sections. See the Class Schedule for the specific topic being offered. 3 hours lecture. (005863)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course more than once
Course Attributes: Upper Division

**MJIS 697 Independent Study** 1-3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
6 hours supervision. (020052)
Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division