

Philosophies Of Judaism

REL 238-001 | Spring 2022 | 3 Credit Hours

Lecture

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Contact Information

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Prerequisites

UA Course Catalog Prerequisites:

No prereqs found

Course Description

Course Description and Credit Hours

Survey of major philosophical formulations of the nature and role of Jews and Judaism, written by select Jewish thinkers.

Required Texts

Required Texts from UA Supply Store:

- FRANK / JEWISH PHILOSOPHY READER (Required)
- LEAMAN / HISTORY OF JEWISH PHILOSOPHY (Required)
- LEAMAN / (eBook) History of Jewish Philosophy (E - Book)
- HUGHES, AARON W / JEWISH PHILOSOPHY A-Z (Required)

Student Learning Outcomes

- 1. Students will be able to summarize in class discussions through individual presentations the major ideas which constitute the corpus of the Jewish philosophical tradition and its interaction with Jewish religious thought.
- 2. Students will present orally one (1) major Jewish thinker of their choosing in all of his/her complexity.
- 3. Students will summarize their overall leaning in response to essay questions provided in the take-home Final Exam.

Other Course Materials

Additional course materials will be provided by the instructor.

Outline of Topics

1. Introducing Jewish Philosophy.

2. Introducing Jewish Philosophers.

Summing Up: Jewish Philosophy in the Present and Future.

Exams and Assignments

1. Five (5) oral presentations vis-a-vis philosophers and their philosophies.

2. One Research Paper 7-10 pages of one (1) philosopher and his/her philosophy.

3. Final Exam essay questions. Take home exam but due when Final Exam is scheduled.

Grading Policy

60% = 5 Oral Presentations

20% = Research Paper

20% = Final Exam

Policy on Missed Exams and Coursework

Missed exams and missed coursework to be determined in consultation with the instructor.

Attendance Policy

Attendance is *required* unless otherwise noted in the Syllabus or Schedule of Meetings.

Notification of Changes

The instructor will make every effort to follow the guidelines of this syllabus as listed; however, the instructor reserves the right to amend this document as the need arises. In such instances, the instructor will notify students in class and/or via email and will endeavor to provide reasonable time for students to adjust to any changes.

Statement on Academic Misconduct

Students are expected to be familiar with and adhere to the official Academic Misconduct Policy (<https://catalog.ua.edu/undergraduate/about/academic-regulations/student-expectations/academic-misconduct-policy/>) provided in the Online Catalog.

Statement On Disability Accommodations

Contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS) (<https://catalog.ua.edu/undergraduate/about/support-programs/disability-services/>) as detailed in the Online Catalog.

Severe Weather Protocol

Please see the latest Severe Weather Guidelines (<https://ready.ua.edu/severe-weather-guidelines/>) in the Online Catalog.

Pregnant Student Accommodations

Title IX protects against discrimination related to pregnancy or parental status. If you are pregnant and will need accommodations for this class, please review the University's FAQs on the UAct website (<https://www.ua.edu/campuslife/uact/information/pregnancy>).

Religious Observances

Under the Guidelines for Religious Holiday Observances, students should notify the instructor in writing or via email during the first two weeks of the semester of their intention to be absent from class for religious observance. The instructor will work to provide reasonable opportunity to complete academic responsibilities as long as that does not interfere with the academic integrity of the course. See full guidelines at Religious Holiday Observances Guidelines (<https://provost.ua.edu/oa-guidelines-for-religious-holidays-observance>).

UAct Statement

The University of Alabama is committed to an ethical, inclusive community defined by respect and civility. The UAct website (www.ua.edu/uact) (<https://www.ua.edu/uact>) provides extensive information on how to report or obtain assistance with a variety of issues, including issues related to dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, sexual violence or other Title IX violations, illegal discrimination, harassment, hate or bias incidents, child abuse or neglect, hazing, threat assessment, retaliation, and ethical violations or fraud.

Wellness Resources

College can be a stressful time

If you or someone you know is facing a challenging time or dealing with academic or personal stress, anxiety, depression, or other concerns, we strongly encourage and support you to seek assistance or to help friends find the care that they may need (<https://alabama.box.com/s/nz3gs827kx538255typ9hm5owd7x0yj8>).

Also, if you are experiencing a personal crisis and need urgent assistance, you can also contact the following resources:

Counseling Center

- Monday-Friday during routine Center hours (205-348-3863).
- Weekends, holidays, after-hours (contact UAPD at 205-348-5454 and ask to speak with the on-call counselor).
- You may also text BAMA to 741-741 to text with a trained volunteer.

Women and Gender Resource Center

- Monday-Friday during routine Center hours (205-348-5040).
- Weekends, holidays, after-hours (contact UAPD at 205-348-5454 and ask to speak to the on-call advocate for the WGRC).

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