

**JWST/WCL 2380**

**RELS 2336**

**Jewish Civilization**

**Ancient to Modern**

**(Formerly Introduction to Jewish Studies)**



College of Liberal Arts  
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Counts toward Religious Studies major and minor, World Cultures and Literatures major and minor, Jewish Studies minor, and Language, Philosophy, and Culture core

**Fall 2024:** Face-to-face, T/Th 10-11:30

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Images clockwise from left: Jewish labor activists c. 1909 from the George Grantham Bain Collection, public domain; Ethiopian Jews immigrating to Israel, courtesy of the National Photo Collection of Israel; gate of Auschwitz, public domain image.

How does the public think about Jews, Judaism, and Jewish history? How have Jews survived persecution and diaspora? How have Jewish communities throughout the world fused Jewish traditions and local cultures? What are the historical roots of contemporary anti-Semitism? What similarities are there between the history of Jews and that of other groups? Discuss these questions in Intro to Jewish Studies!