

# JWST 245. JEWISH LIFE IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD.

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Credits: 3

Offered by: Jewish Studies (Faculty of Arts)

This course is not offered this catalogue year.

## Description

Until the early modern period, most of the world's Jews spoke Arabic and called the Islamic world home. This course explores the Jewish experience among Muslims from the seventh century until the present. Through close readings of primary sources and historical scholarship, students will learn how Jews under Islam shaped modern Judaism, how engagement with Arabic in Islamic Spain led to the revival of Hebrew, and how the Jewish-Muslim relationship fared in the twentieth century. The course also probes themes of history and memory in light of the departure of Jews from the Islamic world in the 1950s and 1960s.

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