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Course Syllabus

HST299 Antisemitism (mini-course)

• Term and Year: Spring 2025

- Department name: History • Instructor: Prof. Natan Meir
- Office Hours: Wed. 10:00-11:30 am in person or on Zoom. Office location: University Center Building (UCB) 465C Zoom link: https://pdx.zoom.us/my/meirpsu72 □
- NOTE: on April 9 and April 16, there will be no office hours; I will be available on email. • Contact Information: meir@pdx.edu
- CRN: 64477 • Credits: 1

We've heard a lot about antisemitism recently. But what is antisemitism, anyway? This one-credit,

Course Description

following topics: (1) Who are the Jews? (2) How does antisemitism function? (3) What is the relationship between antisemitism and other forms of racism? (4) How do we recognize antisemitism in the world around us? Class materials will include short readings, videos, and podcasts. Note #1: This course is tuition-free. Students are not required to pay for this credit.

asynchronous, self-paced mini-course will introduce students to antisemitism (Jew-hatred). You'll explore the

course.

2. Understand the historical development of antisemitism and how antisemitism functions in society 3. Understand the relationship between antisemitism and other forms of racism, bigotry, and xenophobia

1. Recognize the diversity and complexity of the Jewish experience

Course Outcomes/Learning Objectives

Required Materials

Major Assignments

Grading Criteria There are a series of quizzes in this course; each learning unit is followed by a quiz of several questions. These

begin it. NOTE: the timer does not pause when you exit the quiz. This means that once you start the quiz, you have 72 hours from that moment to complete it, whether or not you are active in Canvas or in the quiz module itself. You will also have the opportunity to retake each guiz once. Students with DRC accommodations for extended testing time will automatically receive the appropriate

quizzes are the only basis for grading in the course. You will have 72 hours to complete each quiz once you

The instructor reserves the right to modify course content and/or substitute assignments and learning activities in response to institutional, weather, or class situations.

Course Calendar/Schedule

approach is to pace yourself over the term. If you familiarize yourself with the course material and requirements in advance, you'll have a better sense of how long it will take you.

This course is self-paced, which means that the only deadline is Thursday of final exams week, June 12, 2025, at

course in just a few days of intensive work. **Course Attendance and Make-up Policies** You MUST complete all coursework by June 12, 2025. Each quiz may be retaken once. There are no other makeup policies and no extra credit.

Writing Center: offers support with writing assignments: https://www.pdx.edu/writing-center/

Academics

Drop/Withdraw Deadlines Link to academic calendar with drop/withdraw deadlines: https://www.pdx.edu/registration/academic-calendar?

Academic Integrity

of the course.

Incomplete Grades Policy

Not sought as a substitute for a poor grade

A plan in place to resolve Incomplete status

Students do not have a right to receive or demand an Incomplete grade. The option of assigning an Incomplete grade is at the discretion of the instructor when these criteria are met:

- The Office of the Registrar's website has the full Incomplete Grades policy.
- **Disability Access Statement** Access and Inclusion for Students with Disabilities

• Presence of a written agreement (such as the Incomplete Contract)

If you have, or think you may have, a disability that may affect your work in this class and feel you need accommodations, contact the DRC to schedule an appointment and initiate a conversation about reasonable accommodations. The DRC works with students who have physical, learning, cognitive, mental health, sensory, chronic illness, and all other disabilities.

anyone on this list for assistance: • Basic Needs Hub: email to connect with the basic needs hub basicneedshub@pdx.edu. • Portland State Food Pantry : email to connect with the PSU food pantry pantry@pdx.edu.

• <u>C.A.R.E. Program</u>: email to connect with the CARE Program <u>askdos@pdx.edu</u>, or call (503) 725-4422.

• Student Health & Counseling: email to connect with student health and counseling askshac@pdx.edu, or call

It can be challenging to do your best in class if you have trouble meeting basic needs like safe shelter, sleep, and

nutrition. Resource centers across campus are here to provide assistance, referrals, and support. Please contact

- **Student Health and Resources (SHAC)**
- <u>Understanding Sexual Misconduct and Resources learning module</u>. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can find the appropriate resources on PSU's Sexual Misconduct Response website.

PSU desires to create a safe campus. As part of that mission, PSU requires all students to take the

• Center for Student Health and Counseling: 1880 SW 6th Avenue #200; 503-725-2800

Discrimination and Bias Incidents

best address your complaint. <u>The Bias Review Team</u> (BRT) gathers information on bias incidents that happen on and around campus, and gives resources and support to individuals who experience them. You can report a bias incident you experienced or learned about. A member of the BRT will contact you if you indicate you would like to be contacted.

The Office of Equity and Compliance (OEC) addresses complaints of discrimination, discriminatory Harassment,

been discriminated against, you may file a complaint. Someone from the OEC will contact you to discuss how to

and sexual harassment against employees (faculty and staff). If you or someone you know believes they have

Cultural Resource Centers Cultural Resource Centers (CRCs) create a student-centered inclusive environment that enriches the university

volunteering; student resources such as computer labs, event, lounge, and study spaces; and extensive

If you would like to obtain religious accommodations, such as flexibility in attending evening courses or an

extension on assignments, please contact your instructors. If you need additional assistance, please contact the

Multicultural Student Center La Casa Latina Student Center Native American Student and Community Center Pan African Commons

Pacific Islander, Asian, and Asian American Student Center

Middle East, North Africa, South Asia Student Center

In Case of Emergency

programming. All are welcome!

Immediate threat to life and safety For issues such as: a medical emergency, urgent violent incident, fire, etc.

Call 9-1-1 for Emergencies

You can also call 503-725-5911

Call 503-725-4407 for Non-Emergencies <u>Campus Public Safety Office (CPSO)</u> – Non-Emergency

- **PSU CARES**
- Connects students with resources when they are experiencing distress or other concerns that might impact their personal or academic success.
- Call PSU CARES: 503-725-4422

Note #2: Students who have already taken JST/HST372 History of Antisemitism are not eligible to take this

4. Recognize examples of antisemitism in the modern world

- **Course Prerequisites**
- This course has no prerequisites

All materials are available on Canvas or as internet resources, free of charge.

Your work on this course is assessed by means of four multiple choice quizzes. You will take each quiz after working through the material assigned for each module. There are 42 quiz questions in total, but only 40 of those questions will count towards the final grade (2.5 points per question = 100 points). Therefore you can get

two questions wrong (or skip two questions) and still get a grade of 100%.

amount of time for each quiz. As explained above, 40 of the 42 quiz questions count towards the final grade. **Flexibility Statement**

5:00 PM. However, I encourage you NOT to leave your work until the last few days of the term! The best

This course is worth one credit, which means that you can expect to spend about 30 hours in total on work for the class, including reading, viewing videos, and listening to podcasts. It is divided into four modules, but note that those do not necessarily correspond to four weeks, as is often the case with online courses. In this course, you pace yourself, so you can spend the entire term on it, doing about three hours a week, or do the whole

PSU Resources **Learning Center**: here you can meet with an academic coach or peer tutor to set goals and discuss study strategies. Services are free and open to all students: https://www.pdx.edu/learning-center/

PSU Grading System Link to PSU grading system on the website of the Registrar: https://www.pdx.edu/registration/grading-system

Academic integrity is a vital part of the educational experience at PSU. The <u>Student Code of Conduct</u> is the university's policy on academic dishonesty. A confirmed violation of that code in this course may result in failure

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• Required satisfactory course completion/participation Reasonable justification for the request

- **Student Services**
- PSU values diversity, equity, and inclusion. My goal is to create a learning environment that is accessible, equitable, inclusive, and welcoming. I am committed to fostering mutual respect and full participation for all students. If any aspects of instruction or course design result in barriers to your inclusion or learning, the Disability Resource Center (DRC) provides accommodations in the learning environment.

If you already have accommodations: Please contact me to make sure that I have received your Faculty Notification Email, and to discuss your accommodations. The DRC is located in Smith Memorial Student Union, Suite 116. You can also contact the DRC at 503-725-4150, drc@pdx.edu, or visit the DRC website.

Mental Health Emergencies: If you are having a mental health emergency and need to speak with someone immediately, come into SHAC at any time during SHAC hours of operation. After hours and weekends call the Multnomah County Crisis Line 503-988-4888.

Understanding Sexual Misconduct

Basic Needs at Portland State

(503) 725-2800.

Title IX Reporting

violence and/or other forms of prohibited discrimination to university officials, who will keep the information private. If you would rather share information about these matters with a PSU staff member who does not have these reporting responsibilities and can keep the information confidential, please use these campus resources: Connect with Confidential Advocates: 503-894-7982 or <u>schedule online</u>

→ to talk with a Confidential Advocate (for matters regarding sexual harassment and sexual and relationship violence).

Students frequently come to me for assistance in matters not related to the course material. Please be aware

that PSU's policies require instructors to report any instance of sexual harassment, sexual and relationship

- **Religious Accommodations**
- experience. They honor diversity, explore social justice issues, celebrate cultural traditions, and foster student identities, success, and leadership. They provide opportunities for student leadership, employment, and

Office of the Dean of Student Life (DOSL) by emailing askdos@pdx.edu.

- For non-emergency issues such as: vandalism, disturbance, suspicious person, theft, suspicious packages, access

control, etc.

- Email PSU CARES: askdos@pdx.edu