

Confronting Antisemitism Then and Now
Number Semester Hours

Instructor: Ariel Feldman

Prerequisites: None

Description of Content:

This course explores the complex histories of what has been called the “oldest hatred”—antisemitism. Throughout the course we will trace the evolution of Judeophobia from the pagan world, to the Late Antiquity, to the Middle Ages, to the Enlightenment, to the horrors of the Holocaust, to the present. In this quest after the various manifestations of anti-Jewish sentiments we will pay close attention to the role played by religious institutions in supporting or condoning antisemitism and highlight those individuals and groups who refused to embrace Judeophobia.

Class Procedures:

Lectures, discussion, and student presentations.

Requirements:

1. Attendance and informed participation in the class sessions.
2. Bi-weekly quizzes.
3. Weekly written assignments.
4. Student in-class presentation.
5. Final paper (15-20 pages)

Texts:

Albert S. Lindemann and Richard S. Levy, *Antisemitism: A History*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010. ISBN-10: 0199235023. \$40.95

Grading Procedures:

Quizzes: 30%

Weekly written assignments: 15%

In-class presentation: 5%

Final Paper: 50%