TERM: Fall 2024
COURSE NUMBER & CATEGORY: ENGL 4600: Electives: Topics in Lit
COURSE TITLE: Global Jewish Literature
SECTION TIMES/DAYS: TR 11:50 am-1:30 pm
INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Holli Levitsky

COURSE DESCRIPTION/PRINCIPAL TOPICS:

> This course introduces students to classic stories in the modern Jewish literary canon through close reading, reflection, discussion, interpretation, evaluation, comparison, and analysis, providing students with a conceptual framework for understanding and deriving aesthetic pleasure and cultural understanding from these vivid stories.

Students will gain exposure to translated fictional works originally written in Hebrew, Yiddish, German, Russian and English by prominent Jewish authors. Through their study, students will learn how the breakdown of pre-modern Jewish society, immigration, the challenges of Jewish integration and exclusion, and the establishment of new Jewish communities, influenced the creation of this literature.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Students will know:

the nature of the Jewish religious experience as represented in literature

significant aspects of Jewish history and culture as represented in literature

Students will be able to:

demonstrate critical reflection on significant aspects of Jewish history and culture as represented in literature

summarize, evaluate and analyze as well as write intelligently and persuasively on issues within Jewish literature

universalize the Jewish experience

Students will value:

the rich contribution of the Jewish people to world literature

the beauty and poignancy of Jewish literature

CLASS LEVEL RESTRICTION: RECOMMENDED/PREREQUISITES:

Junior/Senior Only   N/A

COURSE ATTRIBUTES:

OLD CURRICULUM   NEW CURRICULUM

☐ GENRES (LD)   ☐ DISCIPLINARY RESEARCH (LD)
☐ HISTORIES (LD)   ☐ HISTORY OF LIT, MEDIA, AND CULTURE (LD)
☐ AUTHORS (UD)   ☐ READING AND WRITING GENRES (LD)
☐ CRITICAL/THEORETICAL (UD)   ☐ THEORY, POWER, AND RHETORIC (LD)
☒ COMPARATIVE (UD)   ☐ PRE-1800 (UD)
☐ CREATIVE/ARTISTRY   ☐ CREATIVE ARTISTRY UD)
                                                  ☐ RACE, INTERSECTIONALITY, AND POWER (UD)
                                                  ☒ UPPER-DIVISION ELECTIVE (UD)
                                                  ☐ 5000-LEVEL SEMINAR (UD)