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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **JUDD29, Jewish Studies: Zionism - from Utopia to Ideology, 7.5 credits**

*Judaistik: Sionism - från utopi till ideologi, 7,5 högskolepoäng*  
First Cycle / Grundnivå

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by The pro-dean for First-Cycle Studies at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 2015-03-10 to be valid from 2015-08-31, autumn semester 2015.

### **General Information**

The course is offered as a freestanding course.

It can be selected as a specialisation course in the Bachelor's programme in Religious Studies and Theology.

It can be included in a first or second cycle degree.

*Language of instruction:* Swedish

*Main field of studies*

History of Religions

Religious Studies and Theology with  
specialization in History of Religions and  
Religious Behavioural Studies

*Depth of study relative to the degree  
requirements*

G2F, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in  
first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

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### **Learning outcomes**

On completion of the course, the students shall be able to

### **Knowledge and understanding**

- account for the historical development of Zionism and the state of Israel
- account for the most important ideologues and ideologies of Zionism up to 1948
- account for the background of the appearance and importance of Zionism within and outside present-day Israel,

### **Competence and skills**

- analyse and interpret a selection of pre-1948 Zionist texts
- analyse and compare different forms of Zionist ideology as well as the relationship between these forms and their historical, social and religious context
- with a certain degree of independence highlight and critically reflect on the relationship between different Zionist ideologies and Israeli policy from the establishment of the state of Israel to today,

### **Judgement and approach**

- informed by a power and ethnicity perspective, assess the importance of a national native country to the identity of an imagined community

### **Course content**

The course deals with Zionism and the state of Israel from the perspectives of both history and the history of ideas.

Against the background of the historical emergence of Zionism, texts written by major representatives of the different Zionist ideologies are discussed and placed in perspective, focusing on the specific characteristics of each ideologue.

Furthermore, the course addresses the religious, political and historical context of the Jewish and Zionist presence in Mandatory Palestine and the first 60 years of the state of Israel.

Among other topics discussed are the connection between Zionism and Jewish identity and the different ways in which Zionism has put its stamp on Jewish history and Israeli policy.

### **Course design**

The course is mainly a distance learning course supported by a web-based learning platform and digital tools. Students are required to participate on these conditions and to have access to a computer with internet connection, a headset (microphone and ear phones) and preferably a camera. Information regarding technical requirements is available from the department

The teaching consists of web-based lectures and five compulsory web-based text seminars. Students are expected to participate actively in the web-based seminars.

## **Assessment**

The assessment is continuous and based on an Internet-based repetition exercise, eight written assignments and active participation in the course blog and the web-based text seminars.

*Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.*

## **Grades**

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

## **Entry requirements**

To be admitted to the course, students must have 60 credits including 15 credits in Jewish Studies.

## **Further information**

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University.
2. The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree.
3. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.

## Subcourses in JUDD29, Jewish Studies: Zionism - from Utopia to Ideology

Applies from H15

1501 Zionism - from Utopia to Ideology, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction