

**CJS 400H1S**  
**Research and Writing Seminar in Jewish Studies**  
**Thursday, 2PM-4PM**  
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DESCRIPTION

In this seminar, students will construct, cultivate, and communicate individualized thesis projects while being exposed to techniques and concepts essential to advanced research in Jewish Studies. The objective is for students to hone their research, writing, and presentation skills as well as develop their methodological sophistication.

*Evaluation*

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Participation	20%
2 Response Papers	15%
Essay Proposal	5%
Final Draft	40%
Presentation	20%

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

01/13 - Introduction

01/20 - Paul Franks, "The German Philosophical Tradition: Anti-Semitism or Kabbalah?"

01/27 - Leonid Livak, "Approaches to the Study of Jewish Representation in the European Cultural Imagination"

02/03 - Group meeting/no speaker

02/10 - Sarianna Metso, "Interpreting the Hebrew Bible: Methods of Historical-Critical Biblical Scholarship"

02/17 - Jill Ross, "Hebrew Literature in Medieval Iberia"

02/24 - READING WEEK

03/03 - Zvi Gitelman, "Probing the Mysteries of Soviet and Post-Soviet Minds: Historical and Social Science Research on Jews in the Former USSR"

03/10 - Group meeting/no speaker

03/17 - James Retallack, "Antisemitism in Imperial Germany"

03/24 - Willi Goetschel, "Spinoza, Mendelssohn, and the Critical Agenda of (Jewish?) Philosophy"

03/31 - Group meeting/no speaker

## 04/07 - STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

### “BLACKBOARD”

All of the course readings will be available on “blackboard.” Please log-in to [portal.utoronto.ca](http://portal.utoronto.ca), and follow the instructions in order to find this course. It is essential that you check “blackboard” regularly, as instructions for all assignments and notifications about any last-minute changes will be posted there.

### LATE WORK

Please inform the course coordinator immediately if a paper will be late, i.e., not submitted at the start of class on its due date. For each day your work remains late, its score will be docked 10%, and it will not be accepted after 7 late days (weekends included). If you have legitimate and **documented** reasons for not being able to complete your assignment, these penalties will not apply. If you feel that you have legitimate reasons for not completing the assignment on time, please get in touch with us well in advance of the due date (i.e., not the day before the assignment is due).

### PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is the act of using the ideas or work of another person as if it were one’s own. As plagiarism is grounds for dismissal from the University, students are strongly cautioned to use all appropriate documentation to credit any sources used in compiling their own work. Most plagiarism we encounter is partial and accidental rather than complete and intentional, resulting from inexperienced research writing. If you suspect you may have inadvertently plagiarized, please see the course coordinator *before submitting your essay for evaluation*. Plagiarism will result in the automatic failure of the assignment in question; a second occurrence will earn the offender an “F” for the course. Further discussion of plagiarism can be found at:  
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