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3 credit hours [CH, G]

This course introduces students to the religions, history and contemporary dynamics of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Students will visit historic and sacred sites and meet with contemporary leaders in Jerusalem, Galilee, and throughout Israel. Visits and lectures analyze the origins and development of three major religions that arose in the Middle East: Judaism, Christianity and Islam, as well as traditions such as Baha'i and LDS with a presence in Israel. The course will spend time in Jerusalem, the eternal city, and "non-stop" Tel Aviv. Travel in Israel provides an outstanding opportunity to understand the basic principles, historical development, political and cultural context, and structure of each religion and to encounter religious festivals and observances. Students will prepare for this journey with 15 hours of pre-travel seminars, readings and research in Wyoming (also available on line). Two weeks of travel; an optional third week (which may incur extra cost) to visit more historic, cultural, and tourist sites likely including Petra and the traditional location of Mount Sinai.

Tentative dates: May 16-30, May 30-June 6
(optional third week)

Estimated Cost: \$3600 + Study Abroad Fee + tuition

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Registration Information: Pre-registration works through the instructor. Email sward@uwyo.edu to indicate your interest. Student participants need to submit an essay of about a page (250-300 words) about their reasons for participation in this course, and how it fits into their educational goals. At the heading of the essay please note your name, WV number, and indicate that you plan to take this for credit, or any special credit request ("default" is RELI2040, but you may need to have the course listed as RELI4500 or RELI4900). Registration and payment of a deposit due by February 1 or as soon as possible after that time, and payment of all additional fees by April 1.

Topic: The course topic is "Judaism, Christianity and Islam in Israel" Participants will gain an excellent sense of modern Israel as well as perspectives on Jewish, Christian and Islamic religious experiences. The dates right after the UW term may afford an opportunity to experience various festivals, including Ascension Day, Whitsunday, and the Jewish festival of Shavuot in the Holy Land.

Plan for the course: Expect about 15 hours preparation in Wyoming, with readings and assignments, available online for anyone who cannot come to Laramie. Study Abroad helps assure that all necessary paperwork is in order. No prior visa is necessary for US citizens to visit Israel.

Dates: The dates in the announcement are tentative and may be determined by availability and other considerations.

Academic Credit Requirements: Attendance at most tours or lectures in Israel required for Credit. A paper submitted by the beginning of Fall term will complete academic requirements.

Funding: The University of Wyoming has a number of scholarship programs to support Study Abroad. Tuition grants such as Hathaway Scholarships, as well as student loans and other types of financial aid may be applicable to costs of this program. The Instructor and International Programs will work with students to maximize funding possibilities.

Non-UW Students: Students not matriculated at the University of Wyoming can participate; there is a \$40 application fee to become a special student. Credits should transfer towards your degree. UW tuition is probably less costly than equivalent tuition at your home college or university. Please contact the Instructor for details.

Community Tour: Community participation is welcome!

