

**HISTORY 4315 - Fall 2017 - TT 12:30-1:50 - 221 Wooten**  
**ANTISEMITISM FROM ANCIENT TIMES TO THE PRESENT**

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Course Description: The course examines the origins and development of the world's longest hatred over the last 3,500 years.

Goal: To understand the roots of antisemitism and how, when and why it changed

Required Readings: Robert Chazan, *European Jewry and the First Crusade*  
James S. Shapiro, *Oberammergau*  
Stephen H. Norwood, *The Third Reich in the Ivory Tower*  
Gerda Klein, *All But My Life*  
Eunice G. Pollack, ed., *From Antisemitism to Anti-Zionism: the Past & Present of a Lethal Ideology*  
Eunice G. Pollack, *Racializing Antisemitism: Black Militants, Jews, and Israel, 1950 – Present*

The Long History of Antisemitism

The Uniqueness of Antisemitism

Pagan Attitudes to Jews and Judaism in the Ancient World

Christianity and Antisemitism

The First Crusade and the Massacre of the Jews

Medieval Antisemitism

Demonizing the Jews; the Ritual Murder Accusation; the Blood Libel;  
Desecration of the Host; Poisoning the Wells

The Inquisitions

The Protestant Reformation: the Antisemitism of Martin Luther

The Enlightenment and Antisemitism

Russian Antisemitism and the Pogroms

Antisemitism in America

The Holocaust

Holocaust Denial

African Americans and Antisemitism – Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam

Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism in the Arab and Muslim Worlds

**REQUIREMENTS:** The final grade in this course is based on the student's performance on a mid-term exam (optional), a final exam, and a short paper (10 %). The paper is due at the time of the final exam. The mid-term and final are all-essay exams. If the student elects to take the mid-term, the mid-term exam counts 40 % and the final exam 50 %. If the student elects to take only the final, the final exam counts 90 %. The final exam will be on December 14, 10:30 - 12:30.

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:** Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated in this course. Any incident of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating and plagiarism will be grounds for assignment of an "F" for the course, in addition to any penalties the university might impose. Such incidents will be handled in accordance with the relevant guidelines set forth in the "Code of Student Conduct and Discipline" in the *Undergraduate Catalog*.

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