

# RELI 106: Introduction to Early Judaism



This course surveys Jewish history and religion beginning with the First Temple period (from the time of David and Solomon) to the rise of rabbinic Judaism and the Muslim conquest of Palestine (640 A.D.). We focus especially on the Second Temple period (516 B.C.–70 A.D.), covering such topics as the impact of Hellenization (Greek culture) on the Jews, sectarianism among the Jews (Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes), the reign of Herod the Great, and the Jewish revolts against Rome. It was in this environment that Jesus lived and taught and early Christianity developed. Our readings include sacred and historical texts from this period, including the Hebrew Bible and New Testament, the Apocrypha, and the works of Josephus.

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**Mondays & Wednesdays**  
**1:25-2:15PM**

**General Education  
Requirements: Fulfills  
HS, BN, WB**