The aim of “Classic Jewish Texts” is to familiarize ourselves with Jewish literary works that are considered “fundamental”, “classic”, “traditional” (often, all of the above). The course includes reading from the Hebrew Bible, the Mishnah, the Babylonian Talmud, midrashic collections, works by Maimonides, major codes of Jewish law, major kabbalistic, philosophic, poetic, and ethical works, hassidic compositions, and more. At the end of this course students would have, it is hoped, a better understanding of the complex and diverse Jewish written corpus. All texts will be studied using English translations. No knowledge of Hebrew or background in Jewish culture or history is required.