Course II: Zionism and Post Zionism
Course: 4 Units
Lecture: 8 hours
Outside prep by the student: 10
On-site instruction: 10
Tow excursions

Course Objectives
This five week lecture-discussion course explores the evolution of Zionism from its late 19th century European origins to the present. Jerusalem provides an ideal site from which to study the political, cultural, spiritual and social visions and varieties of Zionism; the contending narratives about its nature, meaning and success; and the ways in which it has shaped Israeli society and the Middle-East region at large.

Course Assessment
1. Midterm Exam during week 3 (30%)

2. Discussion and Participation (30%)
All students will be expected to
a. participate during class discussion,
b. write responses to and question about particular readings
c. arrange the class into a debate format over issues and topics.
Note: Lecture and site visits are mandatory. Failure to attend any required class or visit will negatively affect a student’s final grade.

3. Final Exam Final Exam during week 5 (40%)
READING ASSIGNMENTS

WEEK I:  The Emergence of Zionism:  European Background and Early Formative Period

  Leo Pinsker: "Auto-Emancipation: An Appeal to His People by a Russian Jew," 178-198
  Theodor Herzl: "The Jewish State," pp. 204-223
  Max Nordau: "Speech to the First Zionist Congress," 233-245

WEEK II:  The Spectrum of Zionism:  Cultural, Spiritual and Social Zionism Debated

  Ahad Ha'am: "The Law of the Heart" "Flesh and Spirit" "Of Nationalism and Religion" "The Jewish State and the Jewish Problem" "The Negation of the Diaspora" 249-277
  Micah Joseph Berdichevski, "Wrecking and Building" "In Two Directions" "The Question of Culture" "The Question of Our Past" "On Sanctity" 291-302
  Jacob Klatzkin, "Boundaries" 315-327
  Martin Buber, "The Jew in the World" "Hebrew Humanism" "From and Open Letter to Mahatma Ghandi" 450-466
Simon Rawidowicz, *State of Israel, Diaspora, and Jewish Continuity*, "Israel The Ever-Dying People" 53-63, "Jerusalem and Babylon" 229-239

WEEK III: Settling the Holy Land:  The Record

S. Ilan Troen, *Imagining Zion: Dreams, Designs, and Realities in a Century of Zionist Settlement* (New Haven 2003) Chapters 1, 3, 8

WEEK IV: Settling the Holy Land:  Contending Narratives

Adam M. Garfinkle, "On the Origin, Meaning, Use and Abuse of a Phrase," *Middle
WEEK V: Nature, Gender and Memory

Alon Tal, Pollution in a Promised Land – An Environmental History of Israel, Berkeley, California, University of California Press, 2002) Chapters 1, 2

Avner de-Shalit ‘From the Political to the Objective: The Dialectics of Zionism and the Environment’, Environmental Politics, 1995, 4:70-870


Barbara Mann, ”Modernism and the Zionist Uncanny: Reading the Old Cemetery in Tel Aviv,” Representations, Winter 2000, 69: 63-950


EXCURSIONS & TOURS (in conjunction with Course I: Introduction to Israeli Society and Culture).

WEEK 1: National Museum & National Library,
WEEK 2: Old City, Wailing Wall, and City of David archeological excavation
WEEK 3: Holocaust Museum
WEEK 4: Galilee (Northern Israel)
WEEK 5: Negev (Southern Israel)