MADRASA-MIDRASHA

HRRS-1400: TEXTS/CONTEXTS: JUDAISM/ISLAM

Center for Islamic Studies/Center for Jewish Studies

Graduate Theological Union

This course will consist of five day long seminars in which participants will explore sacred texts and contexts from the Jewish and Islamic traditions. Class will include intensive beit midrash/madrasa method of study using primary texts and secondary sources. The class will meet 1:00-6:00 pm in the GTU Library Dinner Boardroom, 3rd Floor, at 2400 Ridge Road.

Course dates and topics are as follows:

SEPTEMBER 18: Scripture & Commentary: Studying the Torah and the Quran

OCTOBER 9: Embodiment, Gender, & Sexuality

NOVEMBER 6: Mysticism & Spirituality

NOVEMBER 13: Ritual & Food

DECEMBER 4: Insiders & Outsiders

Students will also be required to attend events outside the class totaling 15 hours. A list of various events will be available on the first class. Some events might include: mosque and synagogue visits, Islamic and Jewish art exhibits and museum visits, film nights, guest lecturers on Islamophobia and Antisemitism, migration and refugees, religion and elections, sustainability and the environment.

Auditors are welcomed to join, but registration is required. Please see auditing registration information here: http://gtu.edu/academics/communityeducation.

GTU would like to acknowledge and thank the Walter & Elise Haas Fund for their generous support of the CIS/CJS *Madrasa-Midrasha* program, which seeks to advance study, dialogue and understanding on Jewish and Islamic texts and contexts, within academia and the larger public.

For more information about this course, please email cis@gtu.edu.