

ES/BS668: Jewish-Christian Studies Course on Creation

Instructor	Rabbi Nina Cardin & Dr. Rebecca Hancock
Schedule	Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:30 pm
Description	This course will explore biblical texts on creation, various interpretations of those texts in Jewish and Christian traditions, and how those texts and interpretations have shaped theologies around creation care. We will consider the implications of various theologies for understanding the relationship between humans and their place in creation, and how that informs ethical commitments and practices in different faith communities.
Requirements	<i>Reading:</i> Students should expect to read at most 800 pages from the required texts (below), the Bible, and selected articles or chapters posted on Canvas.
	<i>Writing:</i> Students will be expected to write no more than 20 pages of writing, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflection papers on assigned topics (1 page each) • Personal psalm with annotation and reflection (3-4 pages) • Final paper on personal theology of creation (12-15 pages)
	<i>Other Assignments:</i> Thoughtful and respectful participation in classroom discussion that engages carefully with course readings.

Required Texts:

Author and Title (Press, Year)	ISBN	Cost	Pages to be read
Cloutier, David <i>Reading, Praying, Living Pope Francis's Laudato Si</i> (Liturgical Press, 2010)	978-0-8146-4754-7	\$23.93	82
Davis, Ellen <i>Scripture, Culture & Agriculture</i>	978-0-521-73223-9	\$30.99	180
Articles and chapters from books, posted on Canvas, assigned by course instructors.			
One of the following study Bibles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HarperCollins Study Bible (HarperOne, 2006) OR • The New Interpreter's Study Bible (Abington Press, 2003) OR • The Catholic Study Bible, 3rd edition (Oxford University Press, 2016) OR • The New Oxford Annotated Bible, 5th edition (Oxford University Press, 2018) • The Jewish Study Bible, 2nd edition (Oxford University Press, 2014) 	978-0060786847 978-0687278329 978-0190267230 978-0190276072 978-0199978465		
<i>If a student already owns a different academic study Bible, he or she may ask the instructor if it will be acceptable for use in the class.</i>			