

ES665 Sabbath

Instructor	Dr. Katherine Brown & Dr. Susanna Garfein
Schedule	Tuesdays, 6:00 – 8:30 pm
Description	This course will explore biblical texts on the concept of Sabbath and how Sabbath is interpreted and practiced in Jewish and Christian traditions. We will consider how the texts, interpretations, and practices have shaped the modern age, the implications of Sabbath for understanding the relationship between humans and the concept of rest, and how Sabbath informs ethical commitments and practices in different faith communities.
Requirements	Reading: Students should expect to read at most 800 pages from the required text (below), the Bible, and selected articles or chapters posted on Canvas.
	Writing: Students will be expected to write approximately 25 pages of writing, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflection papers on assigned topics (1-2 pages each) • Research paper on Sabbath (12-15 pages)
	Other Assignments: Thoughtful and respectful participation in classroom discussion that engages carefully with course readings.

Required Texts:

Author and Title (Press, Year, Edition)	Cost	Pages to be read
Judith Shulevitz, <i>The Sabbath World: Glimpses of a Different Order of Time</i> (Random House; 2011) [ISBN 978-0812971736]	\$17	288
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) <p><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></p>		