Overview
In this course we will offer an overview of early Judaism and its relationship to the New Testament. An emphasis will be placed on reading primary sources in translation. Two tests will be administered based on lectures and reading.

Textbooks
Required
The Dead Sea Scrolls Translated, Florentino Garcia Martinez
Invitation to the Talmud, Jacob Neusner
Introduction to Early Judaism, James VanderKam
The Old Testament Pseudepigrapha, Vol. 1, Ed. James Charlesworth

Recommended
Judaism from the Maccabees to the Mishnah, Shaye Cohen
Galilee from Alexander the Great to Hadrian, Sean Freyne

Course Requirements
Mid-Term Exam 50%
Final Exam 50%

Schedule (subject to adjustment)

Class 1
Introduction, Problem of Sources
Reading: Vanderkam

Class 2
Normative Judaism?

Class 3
Historical Overview

Class 4
Historical Overview

Class 5
The Temple and the Synagogue
Class 6
Rabbinic Judaism: Overview
Reading: Neusner

Class 7
Rabbinic Judaism: focus on the Pharisees

Class 8
Rabbinic Judaism: the Mishnah

Class 9
Rabbinic Judaism: the Talmud

Class 10
Dead Sea Scrolls

Class 11
Dead Sea Scrolls

Class 12
Archaeology and Family (Tim Laniak)

Class 13
Mid-term exam; Apocalypticism in Judaism: 1 Enoch, Apocalypse of Abraham

Class 14
Jubilees, Life of Adam and Eve

Class 15
Diaspora Judaism

Class 16
Diaspora Judaism

Class 17
Diaspora Judaism

Class 18
Social Life

Class 19
Integrative Focus: Galilee and the Gospels

Class 20
Early Judaism and the New Testament: Concluding Reflections