Syllabus

THE PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY - 15320

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HU Credits:  2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Philosophy

Academic year: 2

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:
The course discusses the following problems
Historical truth and objectivity
Causality and teleology
Necessity and Contingency
General Patterns such as Progress or cycles
The impact of individuals
The differences between enlightenment, romanticism, post-modernism

Course/Module aims:
Analysis of the above problems and familiarity with leading philosophers of history such as Vico, Hegel, Marx, Foucault

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
Analyse historical works in the light of the positions and writings that we studied.

Attendance requirements(%):
no requirement of attendance

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: reading interpretation and discussion of texts

Course/Module Content:
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Required Reading:
Papers from a source book and several writings by Berlin, Vico, Hegel, Marx, Nietzsche, Foucault

The detailed Bibliography and all required texts are posted on the Moodle website of the course

Additional Reading Material:
Blackwell's Companion to the Philosophy of History
Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 100 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: