

# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *Cicero de Amicitia - 28208*

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*HU Credits:* 2

*Degree/Cycle:* 1st degree (Bachelor)

*Responsible Department:* classical studies

*Academic year:* 0

*Semester:* 1st Semester

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Mt. Scopus

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Dr. Amiel Vardi

Course/Module description:

*An introductory course in reading Roman philosophic prose in the original. A close reading of Cicero's de Amicitia will be used to introduce students to Latin philosophic language and the literary, philosophic and historical background of the work*

Course/Module aims:

- *to instruct students in reading Latin prose in the original*
- *to instruct students in reading classical texts with an apparatus criticus and understanding the considerations employed in editing the text*
- *to present the characteristics of the philosophical dialogue and of Cicero's philosophical writing*
- *to present the work on the background of ancient concepts and discussions of Friendship and of Roman history*

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

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- *to translate Latin prose into Hebrew prose*
- *to use a modern commentary*
- *to use an apparatus criticus and explain the editor's decision between variae lectiones*
- *to demonstrate acquaintance with Greek and Roman philosophical dialogue and with the characteristics of Cicero's philosophical writing*
- *to demonstrate acquaintance with the philosophical and historical background of Cicero's de Amicitia*

Attendance requirements(%):

90%

*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Teaching based on close reading of texts the students are required to read, translate and analyze before each lesson*

Course/Module Content:

- *Morphological and syntactical characteristics of Cicero's Latin prose and of his philosophical language in particular*
- *The transmission of Cicero's works*

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- *Cicero, his life, writing and thought*
  - *Philosophical schools at Rome*
  - *The tradition of philosophical dialogue and the special characteristics of Cicero's dialogues*
  - *The tradition of Greek and roman philosophical discussions of friendship*
  - *The Roman concept of amicitia*
  - *Scipio and Laelius and their reception in Rome of Cicero's age*

*Required Reading:*

*Cicero, de Amicitia in the Latin original*

*Additional Reading Material:*

*Commentaries and introductory reading*

*Course/Module evaluation:*

*End of year written/oral examination 80 %*

*Presentation 0 %*

*Participation in Tutorials 20 %*

*Project work 0 %*

*Assignments 0 %*

*Reports 0 %*

*Research project 0 %*

*Quizzes 0 %*

*Other 0 %*

*Additional information:*

*For students after "basic Latin" course or equivalent*