



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Philosophy of Media - 50054

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: communication & journalism

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: prof. Amit Pinchevski

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Course/Module description:

The course is offered specifically for advanced research students: M.A. and PhD. It will proceed as a reading group in which we will read one major text (and related texts), which concern key questions about the essence, nature and operation of media.

Course/Module aims:

The course provides an alternative learning space, largely absent from existing graduate studies curriculum. Rather than frontal teaching or conducting individual research, the goal here is partaking in a research forum dedicated to reading and discussion of a text that demands combined intellectual effort.

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

- *close reading of a highly challenging work
- *development of critical thinking skills
- *develop philosophical understanding of key questions of media
- * active participation in a reading group
- *leading group discussion

Attendance requirements(%):

80

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: reading and discussion
keeping a reading diary

Course/Module Content:

The course is dedicated to reading Jacques Derrida's pathbreaking work *Of Grammatology* (this year marks the 50th anniversary of its publication), and through it engaging with speech and writing as key questions in the philosophy of media

Required Reading:

Jacques Derrida, *Of Grammatology*

and other texts (Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Ferdinand de Saussure, and others) -- as

needed

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 50 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 50 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: