

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Comparative Semitic Linguistics: Phonology and Morphology - 10840

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: School of Language Sciences

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: English

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Teaching Staff:

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Course/Module description:

introduction to the classification, phonology, and morphology of the Semitic languages. Emphasis will be placed on the historical and diachronic description of the language family and its development from Proto-Semitic

Course/Module aims:

to familiarize students with the evolution and development of the Semitic languages in the light of historical linguistic methods and to acquaint them with the genealogical relationship between the different Semitic families.

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

student will understand the history of the Semitic languages and their interrelationships as well as recognize the achievements and difficulties in historical and comparative linguistics

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: lectures and exercises

Course/Module Content:

1. schemes of classification
2. phonology
 - a. consonantal inventory
 - b. vocalic inventory
 - c. diphthongs
3. Verbal system
4. Nominal system

Required Reading:

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Project work 0 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

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