

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

NARRATIVE & HISTORY: MEDIEVAL STORIES IN CONTEXT - 13150

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Dept. of Jewish History

Academic year: 2

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

This course will concentrate on stories told by the Jews in medieval Ashkenaz. We will examine a variety of stories from different origins: biblical, rabbinic and medieval. Using theories from the fields of literature, folklore and anthropology we will discuss the place of stories in medieval Jewish life and compare between ancient and medieval practice and beliefs as they emerge from stories alongside contemporary Christian understandings. An important focus will be on the methods that allow historians to use stories as sources for research.

Course/Module aims:

Work with a wide array of primary sources, formulate original research questions and construct academic papers

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

Formulation of high level original papers, synthesis of previous research, comparative work with sources

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Frontal, group work, student presentation, joint discussion forums

Course/Module Content:

study of biblical and medieval stories, texts from a wide array of genres in conjunction with interdisciplinary scholarly articles

Required Reading:

1-2 articles per week and preparation of primary sources

Additional Reading Material:

As needed, according to biblio

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 15 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 35 %

Research project 50 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: