



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Under the Crescent- Medieval Jewish life in the Lands of Islam - 13322

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: History of Jewish People & Contemporary Jewry

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Dr. Oded Zinger

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Coordinator Office Hours: with prior arrangement

Teaching Staff:

Dr. Oded Zinger

Course/Module description:

Introduction to the history of Jews in the medieval Islamic world.

Course/Module aims:

Primary acquaintance with the subject, scholarly literature and the historical sources for its study

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

read, understand and discuss relevant secondary sources

Attendance requirements(%):

100%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Frontal lessons accompanied by PowerPoint presentations

Course/Module Content:

1. Introduction
2. The Quran and Muhammad
3. Judaism and Islam
4. The conquests and the legal status of non-Muslims
5. The State and the Jewish communal institutions
6. The Cairo Geniza, Judeo-Arabic
7. Jews, the city, and the economy.
8. The Jewish Family
9. Jews and the cultural efflorescence of the medieval Islamic world
10. Al-Andalus – truly a golden age?
11. Jews and other Islamic movements (Jews and the Shi'a, Jewish Sufis?)
12. The other face of Symbiosis
13. The Mamluks and conclusion.

For a detailed list see the Syllabus in the Moodle.

Required Reading:

See Hebrew, or consult with instructor

Additional Reading Material:

See Hebrew, or consult with instructor

Grading Scheme:

Written / Oral / Practical Exam 70 %

Mid-terms exams 20 %

Attendance / Participation in Field Excursion 10 %

Additional information: