

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

READINGS IN MAIMONIDES'S GUIDE OF THE PERPLEXED - 14242

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Jewish Thought

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Dr. Tanja Werthmann

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Course/Module description:

In the course we shall read a selection of chapters from the The Guide of the Perplexed, the most influential book in medieval Jewish philosophy.

Course/Module aims:

The course aims at introducing the students to Maimonides' exegetic method and to central philosophical concepts and terminology in the Guide of the Perplexed in the context of medieval philosophy.

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

On successful completion of this course students will be acquainted with Maimonides' exegetical method and with the fusion between tradition and philosophy in the Guide of the Perplexed against the background of medieval thought. Students further will be able to identify central concepts and terminology in the Guide of the Perplexed in particular and in medieval Jewish philosophy in general.

Attendance requirements(%):

90

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lecture, close reading of texts and discussion

Course/Module Content:

*Maimonides' exegetical method
The Guide of the Perplexed as an esoteric book
Intellect and Imagination in the Garden of Eden
The Via Negativa
Creation or Eternity
Providence
Prophecy
Intellectual Worship and Love of God*

Required Reading:

The bibliography will be handed out by the beginning of the course.

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 85 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 15 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: