



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Major Trends in Medieval Jewish Philosophy - 14628

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Jewish Thought

Academic year: 2026

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course will deal with major trends in medieval Jewish philosophy against the background of their Muslim and ancient Greek precedents. Central works of medieval Jewish philosophy will be situated in their historical context and within the environment of the ideas in which they were composed. Particular attention will be given to reading texts from Muslim and Greek philosophy which influenced Jewish thinkers.

Course/Module aims:

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

The course aims at introducing students to the central works in medieval Jewish philosophy, against the background of medieval Muslim and ancient Greek sources. Upon successful completion of this course students will be well acquainted with relevant concepts and terminology and will have sufficient tools enabling them to identify links between Jewish, Muslim and ancient Greek philosophical sources.

Attendance requirements(%):

90

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

Course/Module Content:

*Acquaintance with central works of medieval Jewish philosophy
Acquaintance with major trends in Muslim and ancient Greek philosophy
Greek into Arabic - Arabic into Hebrew: acquaintance with the Translation
Movements of Greek texts into Arabic and of Arabic texts into Hebrew and their role
in shaping Muslim and Jewish philosophy*

Required Reading:

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

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Home Exam % 90

Active Participation / Team Assignment 10 %

Additional information:

no