



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Isaac and Yehudah Abravanel - Part B - 14712

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Jewish Thought

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Caterina Rigo

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Teaching Staff:

Dr. Caterina Rigo

Course/Module description:

Over the course of the seminar, after several introductory lectures in which we will present the work of Judah Abravanel/ Leone Ebreo (15th to 16th century) and his cultural context, we will examine selected topics in the 'Dialoghi d'amore' ('Dialogues of Love').

Course/Module aims:

The main aim of the seminar is to provide students with a deeper knowledge of Judah Abravanel's thought and his cultural context (and especially the Renaissance Platonism and Humanism).

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

- Be conversant in Abravanel's conceptions in the 'Dialoghi d'amore'
- Discover the cultural and philosophical context in which Abravanel was active
- Gain a basic acquaintance with the interactions between Jewish thought and Renaissance
- Analyze texts by Jewish medieval thinkers

Attendance requirements(%):

80

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Close readings of primary sources, discussion and student presentations

Course/Module Content:

During the course we will discuss the following topics:

- Love in the 'Dialoghi d'amore'
- Beauty in the 'Dialoghi d'amore'
- The limits of human knowledge
- God and Universe
- Creation
- Abravanel's sources

Required Reading:

Reading assignments and sources will appear in Moodle.

Additional Reading Material:

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Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 80 %

Active Participation / Team Assignment 10 %

Attendance / Participation in Field Excursion 10 %

Additional information:

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