



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

MODALITY - 15038

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Philosophy

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Dr. Aaron Segal

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Dr. Aaron Segal

Course/Module description:

This course will investigate (1) what modal claims ("Possibly/necessarily/it could have been the case that...") amount to, (2) whether there are possible worlds (and other possibilities) and what they might be, (3) what is possible and necessary, and (4) what knowledge we have about what's possible and how might we come to have such knowledge

Course/Module aims:

To address some interesting and important philosophical questions

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

see above

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lecture and discussion

Course/Module Content:

- (1) what modal claims amount to*
- (2) possible worlds (and other possibilities) and their nature*
- (3) what is possible and necessary*
- (4) our knowledge about modality*

Required Reading:

David Lewis's "On the Plurality of Worlds"

Other articles and book chapters (Kripke, Plantinga, Stalnaker, Sider, van Inwagen, Rosen, Williamson, and others)

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 80 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 20 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: