



## *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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*Teaching Staff:*

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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:

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*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:*