



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *Human Ontology - 15776*

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*HU Credits: 2*

*Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)*

*Responsible Department: Philosophy*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 2nd 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:

What sort of thing are we? Animals? Souls? Computer programs? Something else entirely? We will address the question of what we are along with such related issues as our survival/persistence conditions and what matters (to us). We will focus on recent work in analytic metaphysics.

Course/Module aims:

To gain a greater understanding of what we are and what matters to us

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

n/a

Attendance requirements(%):

100%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: lecture and discussion

Course/Module Content:

- 1) Materialism?
- 2) Animalism?
- 3) Alternatives

Required Reading:

Articles and book excerpts by David Barnett, Tamar Gendler, John Hawthorne, William Lycan, Rory Madden, Eric Olson, Phillip Quinn, Lynne Rudder Baker, Marya Schechtman, Sydney Shoemaker, Peter Unger, Stephen Yablo, Dean Zimmerman, and others.

It is possible we will also read and discuss a draft of a debate book between the instructor and Eric Olson on the topic of whether we are wholly material.

Additional Reading Material:

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Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 100 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: