Syllabus

PALESTINIAN ARABIC - 16430

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: arabic language & literature

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Teaching Staff:
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Course/Module description:  
This course provides students with basic working tools in the field of Arabic dialectology, viz. transcription skills, dialect classification and analysis, etc. In addition, the students are exposed to the very different types of Arabic dialects which are spoken in the Palestinian realm.

Course/Module aims:  
Along the course we learn principles of linguistic fieldwork and the students conduct their own fieldwork and record native speakers of Palestinian dialects. The results are then transcribed and translated, and carefully analyzed according to the classifications and linguistic topics studied in the previous semester. Each student is referred to professional articles relevant to his/her recorded materials. The students present their work in class and share their experience with their classmates.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:  
Students will develop awareness and sensitivity to variation in Arabic dialects and will acquire basic tools to define the differences using the accepted linguistic terminology. They will become familiar with the terminology and prominent researchers in the field, and will thus be able to read the scientific literature and to continue their studies in the field of Arabic dialectology.

Attendance requirements(%):  
85%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Frontal lectures; Guided sessions in the language labs; Personal instruction in field work methods and processing materials; Classroom presentations and discussion.

Course/Module Content:  
1. General transcription  
2. Classification of Arabic Dialects:  
   ▪ Urban varieties - illustrated using recorded texts from Jerusalem, Ramle, Haifa and Nablus.  
   ▪ Rural varieties - illustrated through texts from the Triangle, villages around Ramallah and Mount Hebron.  
   ▪ Bedouin varieties - illustrated through texts from Galilee, the Judean Desert and the Negev.  
4. Linguistic field work - Principles and methods
5. Dialect geography and mapping.
6. Personal presentations of fieldwork outcomes.

Required Reading:

Additional Reading Material:
Bauer, L. (1913) Das palästinische Arabisch: die Dialekte des Städters und des Fellachen, Leipzig:

Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 20 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 40 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 40 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: