

## *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

### *Syllabus*

## *Introduction to the writings of Saadya Gaon - 16802*

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*HU Credits:* 2

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

*Responsible Department:* Arabic Language & Literature

*Academic year:* 0

*Semester:* 1st Semester

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Mt. Scopus

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*Coordinator Office Hours:* arrange with instructor

*Teaching Staff:*

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Course/Module description:

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

1. To analyze a medieval text and to identify its genre
2. To distinguish between the Jewish and the Arab-Islamic elements of texts read
3. To critique secondary sources

Attendance requirements(%):

90

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: guided reading, lectures

Course/Module Content:

Tafsir, poetry, theology, poets' dictionary, exegetical principles

Required Reading:

primary texts as found on the course website.

י' ברודי, רב סעדיה גאון, שזר, 2006.

ד' לסקר, "נגד מי התפלמס רב סעדיה גאון בדיונו בביטול התורה?" דעת 32-33, עמ' 5-11.

ש' סטרומזה, סעדיה גון: הוגה יהודי בחברה ים-תיכונית, תל אביב תשס"ב.

Additional Reading Material:

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Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 30 %

Project work 70 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: