



## *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

### *Syllabus*

## *Medieval Jewish Exegesis - 21515*

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*HU Credits:* 2

*Degree/Cycle:* 1st degree (Bachelor)

*Responsible Department:* Bible

*Academic year:* 0

*Semester:* 1st Semester

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Mt. Scopus

*Course/Module Coordinator:* Dr. Neriah Klein

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*Coordinator Office Hours:* Wednesday 4:00 - 5:00 pm

*Teaching Staff:*

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Dr. Neriah Klein

Course/Module description:

*Introduction to the classical, medieval Jewish exegetical tradition: Rashi, Rashbam, Abraham ibn Ezra, Radak.*

Course/Module aims:

*To study the exegetical methodologies of the medieval Jewish exegetes, their attitude to Midrashic exegesis that preceded them, and the impact of historical factors upon them.*

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

*1. Familiarity with the classical medieval exegetes; 2. evaluation of their work in light of their hermeneutical principles; 3. appreciation of their decisive influence on the rise of critical exegesis.*

Attendance requirements(%):

*100%*

*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Students prepare for class by reading selected bibliography. Handouts with selected source materials will be provided.*

Course/Module Content:

*Introduction  
From Rabbinic exegesis to medieval exegetes  
Rashi  
Rashbam  
Ibn Ezra  
Radak  
Polemic with Christianity  
Beginnings of critical exegesis*

Required Reading:

*A detailed bibliography will appear on the course website. Some of the readings have acceptable English equivalents, but the source material must be read in the original.*

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Additional Reading Material:

*A detailed bibliography will appear on the course website.*

Grading Scheme:

*Written / Oral / Practical Exam 60 %*

*Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports / Forum / Simulation / others 30 %*

*Attendance / Participation in Field Excursion 10 %*

Additional information:

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