



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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Teaching Staff:

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.

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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