



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *Royal Women in Ancient Egypt - 22159*

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*HU Credits: 2*

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

*Responsible Department: Archaeology & Ancient near East*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 2nd Semester*

*Teaching Languages: Hebrew*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

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*Teaching Staff:*

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Course/Module description:

The status of royal women in Ancient Egypt was a result of the perception of the royal family as a divine family and from bearing the god-king and giving birth to him. In certain times during the long history of Egypt, royal women had significant political power, some of them even ruled Egypt as kings. In the course, we will study about the queen, the queen-mother, and the princesses. We will focus on key figures such as Khenet-kaues, Hatshepesut, Nefertiti, Nefertari, Cleopatra, and others.

Course/Module aims:

To recognise the part royal women took in the long history of Ancient Egypt, to understand the source of their power, to appreciate the moves they had to do in order to gain power and in order to influence historical events.

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

To be acquainted with the myths consolidating the status of the queen  
To understand the role of royal women in preserving the dynasty  
To name the royal women who held great political power, especially those who ruled Egypt as kings  
To learn about historical, artistic and other sources concerning royal women  
To identify royal women in Ancient Egyptian art

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lecture and Discussion

Course/Module Content:

Class 1, The queen and the realm of the gods  
Class 2, The Myth of Kingship  
Class 3, Khenet-Kaues: the queen as the king's mother  
Class 4, Queen Sobek-Nofru  
Class 5, Dynasties 17-18: God's Great Wife  
Class 6, Hatshepesut  
Class 7, From Queen to King  
Class 8, Hatshepesut and Neferure

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*Class 9, Amenhotep III, Queen Ty and the diplomatic weddings*  
*Class 10, Nefertiti and Akenaten*  
*Class 11, Semenkha-kare Nefer-neferu-aten*  
*Class 12, Queens and princesses in the Ramesside period*  
*Class 13, The Chantress of Amun*  
*Class 14, Cleopatra*

*Required Reading:*

*A list of required reading will be published on Moodle.*

*Additional Reading Material:*

*Recommended additional reading will be published on Moodle.*

*Course/Module evaluation:*

*End of year written/oral examination 70 %*

*Presentation 10 %*

*Participation in Tutorials 0 %*

*Project work 0 %*

*Assignments 20 %*

*Reports 0 %*

*Research project 0 %*

*Quizzes 0 %*

*Other 0 %*

*Additional information:*