



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *Royal Women in Ancient Egypt - 22877*

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*HU Credits: 2*

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

*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 king's principal wife - the queen, and the mother of the king - the queen-mother, were identified with important goddesses and carried religious and ceremonial duties. As such, they often gained power and influenced Egyptian political life. Ancient Egyptian princesses also played an important part in religion and politics and are often portrayed with their parents. In this course, using archaeology, texts (in translation), and art, we shall investigate the matters at stake, focusing on the religious and political role of royal women while looking at select historical issues.

Course/Module aims:

To introduce the students with less familiar aspects of Egyptian history, those that are examined through female figures with a unique status, women who, on the one hand lived in the shadow of their husband, and on the other hand were influential and led moves.

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

Identify the different periods in Egyptian history.  
To examine the status and work of royal women.  
Name key female figures in the Egyptian royal family.  
To get to know the female kings, and the unique circumstances that led to their reign.  
Learn about the unique role of the royal women in preserving the dynasty.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lecture. reading, persentation

Course/Module Content:

1. Introduction
2. Ancient Egyptian pantheon
3. Merit Neith
4. Khenet Kaues
5. The wives of MEntuhotep II
6. Sobek Hotep
7. Akh Hotep

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8. Akhmose Nefertari
  9. Hatshepesut
  10. Nefertiti
  11. The Mysterious queen
  12. Ta Useret
  13. Cleopatra
  14. Summary

*The list is subject to change and adaptation.*

*Required Reading:*

*To be assigned later*

*Additional Reading Material:*

*To be assigned later*

*Grading Scheme:*

*Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 80 %*

*Active Participation / Team Assignment 10 %*

*Presentation / Poster Presentation / Lecture 10 %*

*Additional information:*