

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Hellenism in the Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity - 24829

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: comparative religion

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

aspects of the hellenic culture in late antique Alexandria, Pelusium and Gaza

Course/Module aims:

Enriching the analytical and philological tools required for understanding the development of the religious life in late antiquity and the conversion of the Empire

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

understanding the complexity of the development of Christian Empire on the background of the religious and intellectual Hellenic life and Greco-Roman Religion in Alexandria, Pelusium and Gaza

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Reading and discussing primary sources and secondary literature

Course/Module Content:

see the website of the course

Required Reading:

Bitton-Ashkelony, B. and Kofsky, A. (eds.), *Christian Gaza in Late Antiquity* (Leiden: Brill, 2004).

Bitton-Ashkelony, B. and Kofsky, A. *The Monastic School of Gaza. Vigiliae Christianae Supplements Series 78* (Leiden: Brill, 2006).

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Frankfurter, D. *Religion in Roman Egypt: Assimilation and Resistance* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1998).

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- Rubenson, S. "Monasticism and the Philosophical Heritage," in S. F. Johnson (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Late Antiquity* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), 487-512
- Sogno, C., Storin, B.K., Watts, E.J. *Late Antique Letter Collections: A Critical Introduction and Reference Guide.* Oakland, California: University of California Press, 2016
- Watts, E. "Education: Speaking, Thinking, and Socializing," in *Oxford Handbook of Late Antiquity*, ed. by S. Fitzgerald Johnson. Oxford: OUP, 2012, 467-486.
- Watts, E. *City and School in Late Antique Athens and Alexandria.* Berkeley: University of California Press, 2006.
- Weiss Z., *Public Spectacles in Roman and Late Antique Palestine* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2014) בעברית קודמת גרסה שנה
 יוסף גיגר, אהלי יפת: חכמי יוון בארץ ישראל (ירושלים, יד יצחק בן צבי, 2012).
 ירון דן, חיי העיר בארץ ישראל בשלהי העת העתיקה (ירושלים, יד בן צבי, 1984).

Additional Reading Material:
 NO

Course/Module evaluation:
 End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 20 %
Participation in Tutorials 20 %
Project work 60 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: