

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Hebrew and Arabic in Comparison - 25135

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Hebrew Language

Academic year: 0

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course offers an introduction to Modern Standard Arabic in comparison to Hebrew. The course deals with the basic phonology, morphology and syntax of Modern Standard Arabic. Reading short texts will be combined as well. The course is intended for students with no prior knowledge of Arabic.

Course/Module aims:

- Acquiring basic proficiency in Modern Standard Arabic
- Introduction to the basic grammar of Arabic
- Deepening the understanding of Hebrew grammar by comparing it to Arabic

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

- Read and write in Arabic
- Understand basic texts in Modern Standard Arabic and analyze them grammatically
- Compare between Arabic and Hebrew
- Use online dictionaries (Arabic-Hebrew and Arabic-English)

Attendance requirements(%):

80%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Classroom training

Course/Module Content:

Writing System:

- Letters, short and long vowel marks, šadda, hamza, waṣla, ʾalif maqṣūra, ʾalif mamdūda, tāʾ marbūṭa

Phonology:

- Consonant and vowel shifts between Hebrew, Arabic and Proto-Semitic
- Consonant Clusters
- Stress

Morphology:

- Definite article
- Demonstrative pronouns
- Feminine form
- Suffix -iyy (yāʾ ʾannisba)

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- Independent and suffixed pronouns
 - Plural: masculine, feminine, broken
 - Dual: nouns, verbs, pronouns (basic introduction)
 - Comparative and superlative forms
 - Introduction to the verb system of Arabic
 - Verb Form I (strong) – all conjugations (including participles and imperative)
 - Verbal moods and their uses
 - Weak verbs (optional)
 - Passive verbs (optional)
 - Numbers (optional)

Syntax:

- Cases: *ʾiʿrāb* of definite and indefinite nouns
- Word order and agreement
- Relative Clauses
- Real conditionals (optional)

Use of online dictionaries:

- Arabic-Hebrew and Arabic-English

Additional topics might be included.

Required Reading:

Basic texts in MSA (will be published in Moodle course website).

Additional Reading Material:

Full list will be published by the beginning of the course.

Grading Scheme:

Written / Oral / Practical Exam 60 %

Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports / Forum / Simulation / others 40 %

Additional information:

Grading scheme might be further changed.