



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *Cultural Encounters between Judaism and Islam - 27266*

*Last update 14-10-2020*

*HU Credits: 2*

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

*Responsible Department: School of History - Honors Program*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 1st Semester*

*Teaching Languages: Hebrew*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

*Course/Module Coordinator: Miriam Frenkel*

*Coordinator Email: [miriam.frenkel@mail.huji.ac.il](mailto:miriam.frenkel@mail.huji.ac.il)*

*Coordinator Office Hours: By appointment*

---

Teaching Staff:

Prof Miriam Frenkel

Course/Module description:

The Muslim expansion in the 7th century generated deep cultural, institutional, religious and mental changes in the whole world as well as in Jewish societies. The new power met with old Jewish communities and with well developed Jewish culture. Along its formative period Islam adopted many Jewish and Christian perceptions and institutions. Upon becoming a hegemonic civilization it influenced and reshaped many aspects of Jewish culture and life. The course will follow this complex dialogue between the two world civilizations

Course/Module aims:

To shed light on the multifaceted process of inter religious and inter cultural encounters. To give a full picture of Jewish-Muslim relations with all their complexity

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

Students will be acquainted with basic religious concepts in Judaism and Islam. They will become aware of the complexity of Jewish-Muslim relations.

Attendance requirements(%):

100%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Frontal lectures accompanied by PowerPoint presentations

Course/Module Content:

1. Introduction
2. Between Judaism and Islam- religious encounters
3. The geopolitical revolution following the Muslim occupations
4. The Study of Judeo-Muslim tradition: Historiography and Myth
5. The Cairo Geniza
6. Being a Jewish minority in a Muslim world
7. The Jewish response
8. Jewish-Muslim polemics
9. Pogroms and persecutions
10. Jewish Sufism

- 
11. Theological encounters: Prophecy in Judaism and Islam
  12. Jewish and Muslim representations in Midrash and Hadith
  13. Material culture and everyday life

Required Reading:

See in course content

Additional Reading Material:

See in course content

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 90 %

Assignments 10 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: