

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

The history of medieval Spain - 29122

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: romance studies

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

This course offers an introduction to the history of medieval Spain. In the course of the semester, we will explore the complex relations between Christians, Muslims and Jews in the Iberian Peninsula from the 8th to the 15th centuries. We will focus on topics such as political and social structures, the frontier, holy war, translation and acculturation, and gender and sexuality. The weekly readings include both articles and primary historical sources in translation.

Course/Module aims:

This course is designed to introduce students to the history of medieval Iberia.

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

Discuss the history of the Iberian Peninsula in the Middle Ages; analyze relevant primary sources

Attendance requirements(%):
90

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lecture and discussion

Course/Module Content:

- * The Muslim conquest and the collapse of the Visigoths
- * Al Andalus under the Umayyads
- * The development of the Christian kingdoms of the north
- * The Taifa kingdoms,
- * Religions and politics under the Almoravids and Almohads
- * The Frontier
- * The Christian expansion of the 13th century
- * Translations and cultural exchange
- * Peasants and lords
- * Women in Castile and Aragon
- * Jews and Muslims under Christian rule
- * Law, politics and state formation in the later Middle Ages
- * Mass conversions and the establishment of the Spanish Inquisition
- * The fall of Granada and the expulsion of the Jews from Spain
- * The Spanish conquest of the Caribbean

Required Reading:

TBD

Additional Reading Material:

None

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 80 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 20 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information:

The course's requirements consist of weekly readings, the submission of two short responses to the readings, and a take-home exam.