



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Religious Education in the Israeli School System - 34607

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Education

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: English

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course will provide students understanding of religious education and the different approaches to religious education in general. The students will evaluate the religious education in Israel and the different approaches held in diverse school systems. Exposing how the religion of the “other” is presented in the various educational systems and how it impacts the view of the “other”. This will give insight to the connection between religious education and multidimensional conflicts (political, social, religious, etc.). Moreover, illuminate the link between religious education and peace building. Equipping students with an intersectional and critical lens to religious education in Israel and beyond.

Course/Module aims:

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

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Attendance requirements(%):

80%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

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- Religious education in general
 - Religious education in Israel in various school systems.
 - Teaching about the religious "other".
 - The connection between religious education and multidimensional conflicts (political, social, religious, etc.).
 - Religious education and peace making.

Required Reading:

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Suwaed Muhammad and Ali Nohad. (2016). "Education, identity, and ideology: the Islamic movement and Moslem religious education in Israel", pp. (426-449), 22(4), *Journal for the Study of Race, Nation and Culture*.

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מערכת החינוך בישראל - סוגיות נבחרות בתחום עיסוקה של ועדת החינוך, התרבות והספורט של הכנסת, (2015).

Methods of Teaching Other Religions

Gilheany, Terrence. (2013). "Israeli and Palestinian Teachers' Self-Reported Motivations for Teaching Religion: An Exploratory Case Study", pp. (499-514), 108(5), *The Official Journal of the Religious Education Association*.

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(2020). "'From the wells': teaching openness in Judaism and Islam towards a shared society in Israel?".

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Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 60 %
Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports / Forum / Simulation / others 30 %
Attendance / Participation in Field Excursion 10 %

Additional information: