The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

READING THE EPICS AND OTHER NARRATIVES IN EASY S - 35601

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<u>HU Credits:</u>   2

<u>Degree/Cycle:</u> 1st degree (Bachelor)

<u>Responsible Department:</u> Department of Asian Studies

<u>Academic year:</u> 1

<u>Semester:</u> 2nd Semester

<u>Teaching Languages:</u> English

<u>Campus:</u> Mt. Scopus

<u>Course/Module Coordinator:</u> Yigal Bronner

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Teaching Staff:
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Course/Module description:
  In this class we will read from the vast purāṇic literature in Sanskrit, in particular from the Skandapurāṇa. The texts will be in easy Sanskrit, and emphasis will be put on developing the skill of fast reading.

Course/Module aims:
  The goal of this class is to impart the students with a quick and smooth technique of reading Sanskrit. We will not aim, then, at decoding the text be means of a dictionary, a grammar, transliterating, and translating it (although we will, of course, explain any grammatical questions that may arise), but to get used to reading it just as we read a novel in a second language. Reading is a skill that is acquired through a lot of practice--by reading, rereading, and additional reading--and practice we will: before, after, and during class.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
  To read smoothly and quickly an easy Sanskrit text, to acquire confidence when facing a new text, to get used not to copy, transliterate, and translate texts, to become familiar with the Purāṇa genre.

Attendance requirements(%):
  Please consult divisional rules.

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Reading and rereading, which require preparation at home on a daily basis and active participating in class.

Course/Module Content:
  We will read steadily portions from the Skandapurāṇa (please consult the Moodle website for more details).

Required Reading:
 For more, see the Moodle site.

 Additional Reading Material:

For more, see the Moodle site.

 Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 60 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 10 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 30 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: