

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Man Wrestles God: Reading about Arjuna and the Hunter - 35820

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HU Credits: 2

<u>Degree/Cycle:</u> 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: asian studies

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

<u>Teaching Languages:</u> Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Teaching Staff:

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Course/Module description:

In this course we will read two versions of one of India's formative narratives, Shiva and the Hunter. The first comes from the Mahabharata epic, and the second from the refined version in Bharavi's classical poem.

Course/Module aims:

The course has two main goals. First, to impart the students with a quick and smooth technique of reading Sanskrit. Second, to familiarize the students with the genres of the epic, kāvya, and, finally, to enjoy the story of Arjuna's exploits.

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

To read smoothly and quickly a Sanskrit text of medium difficulty, to become familiar with the genres of epic literature and kāvya (and realize their differences), and (in the case of kāvya), learn how to make use of the commentary.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Reading, rereading, and reading again and again. This requires preparation at home on a daily basis and active participating in class.

Course/Module Content:

A full list of the reading materials is found on the Moodle site.

Required Reading:

For a detailed description of the required passages in Sanskrit and suggested secondary readings, please see the Moodle site.

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 65 % Presentation 0 % Participation in Tutorials 0 % Project work 0 % Assignments 0 % Reports 0 % Research project 0 % Quizzes 35 % Other 0 %

Additional information:

MA students will be required to submit an additional assignment.