



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

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

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: asian studies

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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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.

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

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.