



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

PSYCHOLOGICAL BASIS OF LEARNING DISABILITIES - 37999

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Education

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st and/or 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

Definitions of Learning Disabilities including current definitions
Functions and skills that needed in order to acquire reading, writing and mathematics
Emotional and executive functions in learning. How LD or disfunctions in the emotional / executive f. disturb learning the basic skills
Computerized and other tests for ADHD for children
Tests for reading and writing (in Hebrew)
Influence of LD and ADHD on the emotional and social functioning of children
psychological and educational assessment of LD and ADHD in integrative perspective

Interventions with LD and ADHD
Issues of LD and ADHD in the Israeli educational system

Course/Module aims:

Differentiating between children with LD compared with children with other learning difficulties.
Methods and approaches to assessment and interventions of LD or ADHD in children.
Differential diagnosis between LD or ADHD and difficulties in learning caused by emotiona, bad ways of teaching etc.)

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

Assessment of children with learning problems that caused by Learning Disabilities or ADD
with reference to kindergarten
Explaining the outcomes to parents, to teachers and to the children
Recommending ways of interventions

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: lecture
discussion
practice

Course/Module Content:

1. Definitions of Learning Disabilities including current definitions
2. Functions that needed in order to acquire reading, writing and mathematics
3. Emotional and executive functions in learning. How LD or disfunctions in the emotional / executive f. disturb learning the basic skills
4. computerized and other tests for ADHD for children
5. Tests for reading and writing (in Hebrew)
- LD in arithmetic and diagnostic tools
6. Influence of LD and ADHD on the emotional and social functioning of children
7. Psychological and educational assessment of LD and ADHD in integrative perspective
8. Interventions with LD and ADHD
9. Issues of LD and ADHD in the Israeli educational system

Required Reading:

Diagnostic tools:

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Additional Reading Material:

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Heiman, T., Olenik-Shemesh, D., & Eden, S. (2015). Cyberbullying involvement among students with ADHD: Relation to loneliness, self-efficacy and social support. *European Journal of Special Needs Education*, 30(1), 15-29

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Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 75 %
Assignments 25 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:

none