

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

INTRO. TO THE HIST. OF THE MUSLIM PEOPLE -PART I - 38124

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: islamic & middle east stud.

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

In the course we will survey the historical developments that took place in the Middle East and elsewhere from the appearance of Islam to the rise of the Ottoman Empire and its conquest of most of the Arab world. In other words, we will deal with the years ca. 600-1500 CE, in the region stretching from the Atlantic Ocean to India and Central Asia. Learning will be based on a combination of lectures and independent reading by the students. The course will deal with the political, religious, military, social, economic and cultural aspects of the history of the region. Every two weeks there will be a voluntary "tutorial" for those who want to strengthen their understanding of the material.

Course/Module aims:

The students will learn about the main events and developments that occurred during the first 9 centuries of Islamic history in the Middle East and elsewhere. This will naturally include an acquaintance with the basis names, terms and locations in Islamic history in this period. The students will also gain knowledge of the methodological problems related to Islamic historiography and the historical discipline at large.

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

See above in course aims.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: The course is based on a combination of lectures and independent reading by the students. Every two weeks there will be a voluntary "tutorial" in which important matters related to the material will be discussed and questions will be answered.

Course/Module Content:

Order of lessons:

1. General overview

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2. *The situation in the region on the eve of the appearance of Islam*
 3. *The Prophet Muhammad*
 4. *The first caliphs (al-khulafa al-rashidun)*
 5. *The rise of the Umayyads*
 6. *The Umayyads at their height*
 7. *The Abbasid revolution*
 8. *The Abbasid state*
 9. *Military slavery*
 10. *The successor dynasties in the East*
 11. *The successor dynasties in the West*
 12. *The appearance of the Turkish tribes, and the establishment of the Seljuq Empire*
 13. *The Crusades (1)*
 14. *The Crusades (2)*
 15. *The Mongols*
 16. *The Mamluk state (1)*
 17. *The Mamluk state (2)*
 18. *The Ilkhanids*
 19. *Iran and its neighboring countries after the Mongols*
 20. *The rise of the Ottoman Empire and its conquest of Syria and Egypt*
 21. *Spain and North Africa*
 22. *Religious movements: Shi's, Sunna, Sufism*
 23. *Islamic culture: literature, philosophy, sciences*
 24. *History and art*
 25. *The non-Muslim population and Islamization*
 26. *Society and economy*
 27. *Historiography: methodological issues*
 28. *Conclusion*

Required Reading:

Will be given during the course.

Additional Reading Material:

Will be given during the course.

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 80 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 20 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: