

# The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

The Armenians: History & Culture from the 11th Century to Our Days - 38167

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HU Credits: 2

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

Responsible Department: Islamic & Middle East Stud.

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

<u>Teaching Languages:</u> Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Yoav Loeff

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Coordinator Office Hours: By appointment

# Teaching Staff:

Mr. Yoav Loeff

# Course/Module description:

We shall get to know the history of the Armenian people, from the 11th century, during the Seljuk invasions, until the 21st century.

We shall emphasize the role of the Armenians among the various empires in different eras, in the Caucasus and in the Middle East, including the history of the Armenian Community in Jerusalem.

# Course/Module aims:

A good basic knowledge of the History of the Armenian people and its relevance to the histories of other peoples in the Caucasus and in the Middle East. Acquiring basic knowledge of the Armenian culture.

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

At the end of the course, students will have a basic knowledge of the Armenian history and culture, in the context of the histories of other nations in the region.

# Attendance requirements(%):

80% of classes + mandatory study tour in Jerusalem (on one of the Fridays during the semester

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: •Classroom teaching.

- •Independent reading of Armenian sources (in English translation) + discussion in class.
- A study tour to Armenian sites in Jerusalem.
- •short presentations by students in class.

#### Course/Module Content:

- \* Introduction to Armenian studies + geographical, cultural and historical background.
- \* Armenia between the Arabs and the Byzantines at the Arrival of the Seljuks.
- \* The Armenian kingdom of Cilicia and the Crusaders.
- \* Armenia under the Seljuks, the Georgians, the Mongols and their successors.
- \* The Armenians between the Ottomans, the Iranians and the Russians.
- \* Armenian nationalism in the Modern Era.

# Required Reading:

A list will be handed to students at the beginning of the semester.

# Additional Reading Material:

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# **Grading Scheme:**

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 75 %
Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports
/ Forum / Simulation / others 15 %
Attendance / Participation in Field Excursion 10 %

# Additional information:

<sup>\*</sup> The Armenian Genocide and its effect.

<sup>\*</sup>Armenia since WW1: the First Republic, Armenia as part of the USSR, the Karabagh wars.

<sup>\*</sup>Armenian culture as a reflection of Armenian history.

<sup>\*</sup>the Armenian community in Jerusalem and the Holy Land.