



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

THE HISTORY OF THE ZIONISM - 39006

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: history

Academic year: 0

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Prof. Alon Kadish

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Teaching Staff:

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Course/Module description:

The development of the military capabilities of the Jewish community in Palestine from the beginning of the Zionist settlement to the 1948 War of Independence

Course/Module aims:

- 1. Describe and analyze the stages of the development of the military capabilities of the Yeshuv.*
- 2. Identify the various factors in analyzing military history.*
- 3. Write a paper on a micro-subject using primary sources.*

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

- 1. To Describe the course of the development of Jewish military capability in Mandatory Palestine.*
- 2. To identify the various influences on the process.*
- 3. To discuss the various stages and their characteristics.*
- 4. To discern between local and general developments.*
- 5. To analyze a micro-subject.*

Attendance requirements(%):

90

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lectures.

A semesterial paper which may be used as a draft for the final paper.

Course/Module Content:

- 1. The reasons for periodization.*
- 2. Hashomer and after.*
- 3. The Jewish Battalions in the British Army.*
- 4. The Third Aliya, the foundation of the Histadrut and of the Hagana.*
- 5. Local defence committees.*
- 6. The 1929 Troubles and their consequences.*
- 7. The development of the Palestinian national movement.*
- 8. The Arab Revolt, the British government and the Yeshuv.*
- 9. The Jewish Settlements Police. The Special Night Squads.*
- 10. The Hagana during the revolt and after.*
- 11. Training and planning in the Hagana.*
- 12. New settlements during the Revolt and after.*

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13. *The Second World War and British preparations for war in the Middle East.*
 14. *The Palmach.*
 15. *The Jewish Brigade in the British Army.*
 16. *Making and purchasing arms.*
 17. *Intelligence, political, military and local.*
 18. *Military thought in the Hagana.*

Required Reading:

Nicholas Bethell, The Palestine Triangle The struggle between the British, the Jews and the Arabs 1935-48, London: Andre Deutsch, 1979.

Chrystopher Sykes, Cross Roads to Israel Palestine from Balfour to Bevin, The New English Library Mentor edition, 1965.

Additional Reading Material:

Bruce Hoffman, Anonymous Soldiers The Struggle for Israel, 1917-1947, New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2015.

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 10 %

Project work 90 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information:

n/a