



## Syllabus

### History of Natural History - 39028

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HU Credits: 2

Responsible Department: History

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Dr. Naomi Yuval-Naeh

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Course/Module description:

An introductory glimpse at the practices of natural history during 18th-19th

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centuries. We will read and discuss first and second sources: from personal diaries, travel books, inventories of collections, literature and scientific articles. We will consider how natural history relates not only to science but also to popular culture, literature, art, fashion, and as a tool for expressing national and social perceptions. We will follow the objects and practices used to study nature, and emphasize the ways in which women, children and the poor and other marginalized groups took an active part in the creation and consumption of knowledge about nature. The course will include tours in the Natural History Collections of the Hebrew University, at the Edmund Safra Campus (Givat Ram)

Course/Module aims:

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

Analysis of historical sources, introduction to key issues in the history of natural history

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: discussion

Course/Module Content:

Natural History collections, Taxonomy and nomenclature, gender, discovery of the deep past, amateur and professional naturalists, colonialism

Required Reading:

TBD

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 60 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 20 %

Project work 0 %

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*Assignments 20 %*  
*Reports 0 %*  
*Research project 0 %*  
*Quizzes 0 %*  
*Other 0 %*

*Additional information:*