



## *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

### *Syllabus*

## *Medieval Women: Culture and Religion in Europe - 39361*

*Last update 07-10-2015*

*HU Credits: 2*

*Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)*

*Responsible Department: history*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 2nd Semester*

*Teaching Languages: Hebrew*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

*Course/Module Coordinator: Prof. Elisheva Baumgarten*

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Teaching Staff:

Prof Elisheva Baumgarten

Course/Module description:

*This course will examine the lives of medieval women and will seek to outline the ways historians have tried to interpret medieval sources pertaining to medieval women and society and to outline women's lives in the past. We will read primary sources written by medieval women and about them, as well as theoretical materials on gender. Most of the units of the course will focus on the lives of medieval Christian women but we will also compare and contrast between their lives and those of Jewish and Muslim women in medieval Europe. We will also discuss differences and similarities between different geographical regions and between the early and later middle ages*

Course/Module aims:

*work with a wide variety of primary sources, acquaintance with secondary bibliography, gender methods basic academic writing and research*

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

*write a short focused paper, present to class, conduct independent research*

Attendance requirements(%):

100

*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: frontal, group discussion, presentations, analysis of primary sources in pairs, movies*

Course/Module Content:

*Intro to gender theory  
women in medieval religion in Europe  
women in medieval social spaces  
Christian women: church, orders, laywomen  
Jewish women  
Muslim women  
women or gender?*

Required Reading:

*Additional Reading Material:*

*Course/Module evaluation:*

*End of year written/oral examination 0 %*

*Presentation 10 %*

*Participation in Tutorials 15 %*

*Project work 40 %*

*Assignments 0 %*

*Reports 35 %*

*Research project 0 %*

*Quizzes 0 %*

*Other 0 %*

*Additional information:*