



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Kings & Cities: Introduction to the History of Ancient Mesopotamia - 42653

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Archaeology & Ancient near East

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Prof. Nathan Wasserman

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Course/Module description:

An overview of 3000 years of political and cultural history of ancient Mesopotamia. Focusing on important kings and cities

Course/Module aims:

Key-terms in the history and culture of ancient Mesopotamia: kings, gods, crucial events

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

Know c. 20 names of kings from Mesopotamia, c. 20 city names whose role was crucial during the ages

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Frontal

Course/Module Content:

- * *The geographic and the linguistic arena. Time-line. The Sumerian King List.*
- * *Gilgamesh and Uruk*
- * *Eanatum, Gudea and Lagash*
- * *Sargon and Akkad*
- * *Naram-Sin and Ebla*
- * *Shulgi and Ur*
- * *Hammurabi and Babylon*
- * *Zimri-lim and Mari*
- * *Ashurnasirpal and Kalah*
- * *Sennacherib and Nineveh*
- * *Nabukodonosor and Babylon*
- * *Nabunaid and Harran*
- * *Alexander and Babylon*

Required Reading:

Will be given prior to each lesson

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Written / Oral / Practical Exam 100 %

Additional information:

The subjects of the classes and their order may change