

# *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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*Coordinator Office Hours:* By appointment

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Teaching Staff:

Prof. Nathan Wasserman

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*

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Required Reading:

*Will be given prior to each lesson*

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

*Written Exam % 100*

Additional information:

*The subjects of the classes and their order may change*