



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Understanding North Korea - 46101

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Asian Studies

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Dr. Benjamin Katzeff Silberstein

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Course/Module description:

This course gives a basic overview of the most important historical and contemporary factors for understanding North Korea. We cover North Korea's development from its founding in 1948 until Kim Jong Un's rule today, focusing on its politics, economy, society and foreign policy. We will also discuss how we know what we know about the country. The overall goal is to make North Korea seem less mysterious, and to better understand the country.

Course/Module aims:

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

- 1. Understanding the establishment of North Korea*
- 2. Understanding key issues related to North Korea's international relationship*
- 3. Understanding social, economic, and cultural development of North Korea*
- 4. Understanding issues related to human rights issues*

Attendance requirements(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Discussions and lectures

Course/Module Content:

Kim Il Sung and North Korea's founding

Kim Jong Il's North Korea

The Great Famine

The Rise of the Markets and Foreign Culture

Foreign Relations and North Korea's Nuclear Weapons

Kim Jong Un's North Korea

Required Reading:

- Readings will be uploaded on moodle

Additional Reading Material:

NA

Grading Scheme:

Written / Oral / Practical Exam 75 %

Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports / Forum / Simulation / others 25 %

Additional information:

A grade of at least 70 is required for students for whom this course is a compulsory course in the Asian Studies Department.

Please note: conditions, contents, and requirements for the course are subject to change until the final syllabus is published.