



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *Bureaucracy and State Part 1 - 53725*

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*HU Credits: 2*

*Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)*

*Responsible Department: Sociology & Anthropology*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 1st Semester*

*Teaching Languages: Hebrew*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

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*Teaching Staff:*

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Course/Module description:

The course focuses on state bureaucracies, the institutional practices of the executive Branch and its political influence on the daily life of citizens. Our premise is that organizations within state bureaucracy have great political power, that are not politically neutral. We will explore the bureaucracy of the state through a comparative lens and locate daily practices and routines that are created within particular historical, economic and cultural conditions and constraints (In Israel, US, India, The British and Ottoman Empires and more). We will learn to apply institutional and political theory to contemporary cases, particularly the relationship between bureaucracy, sovereignty and violations of citizens rights.

Course/Module aims:

The main goal of the course is to train future researchers and policy makers to critical and creative thinking about bureaucracy and the administration of the state.

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

1. participants will learn to recognize institutional practices that affect policy and decision making.
2. participants will be able to apply theoretical models on state organizations and discover sites of political and cultural power within the administration.
3. participants will be able to pose fruitful research questions that will enable further research using new data to understand the relationship between institutional practices and political power.

Attendance requirements(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: lectures and discussion

Course/Module Content:

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Required Reading:

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Additional Reading Material:

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Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 5 %

Project work 60 %

Assignments 10 %

Reports 25 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information:

Participation in the course is a pre requisite for participation in the seminar  
*Bureaucracy and the State* in the spring semester.