



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Aristotle: Political Philosophy - 56007

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Political Science

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

Aristotle is the true founder of political philosophy. While Plato aspired to the leadership of experts, the philosophers, he had almost no incentive or interest in defining what citizenship is, what participation is, the importance of reciprocity, equality, freedom, community or define how the household should function. All these concepts – that are still crucial for us – are the fruit of Aristotle's teaching. If Aristotle is the true founder of Western political language, it is worth exploring his work. This course offers an in-depth study of Aristotle's fundamental political and ethical writings, even though time will also be devoted to the continuous echoes of Aristotle in modern and contemporary political thought.

This course offers an unmediated reading of many passages from the Nicomachean Ethics and the Politics, as well as selected passages from other works. The reading in class will be done as much as possible with Hebrew translation, but it is possible to read in other languages such as English translations or others.

Course/Module aims:

The main objective of this course is to get a better understanding of Aristotle's conceptual world

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

*reading skills
a basic knowledge of Aristotelian political philosophy*

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: lectures and a conversation about Aristotle

Course/Module Content:

a detailed list of reading will be published at the start of the year

Required Reading:

extensive extracts from the Politics and the Nicomachean Ethics

extracts from other works

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Home Exam % 20

*Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports
/ Forum / Simulation / others 70 %*

Presentation / Poster Presentation / Lecture 10 %

Additional information: