



Syllabus

History Politics and Field Trips in Jerusalem - 56117

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HU Credits: 4

Responsible Department: Political Science

Academic year: 0

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: E. Safra

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Course/Module description:

Course description: The course is based on 8 field trips, lectures preceding each field trip and concluding class meeting. The importance of Jerusalem in the history of the three monotheistic religions has made it one of the most researched cities in the world.

Its geographical location and its religious and political importance have made Jerusalem a city whose history has been interwoven with world history and politics for generations. During the course we will explore the political history of the city from the beginning of the first millennium BC to the beginning of the third millennium AD. The course will rotate with classroom lectures and field trips. Course topics: Jerusalem as the capital of the ancient Jewish kingdom, the conquests of the city and the country by the ancient world powers, the emergence of Christianity and its reign in the Mediterranean basin and Europe, the effects of Muslim, Crusader, Mamluk and Ottoman conquests of the city; In the modern age, we will cover the exit from the walls, the British Mandate period, the wars over Jerusalem in 1948 and 1967, and the political and geographical realities of the 21st century.

Course/Module aims:

To know, understand and watch the development of a city over 3000 years of documented history. This is with the perspective of understanding global and regional politics and their impact on the city and its history.

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

To enable students to understand and analyze local politics in perspective world history through a combination of classroom study and field trips.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Active tours moderated by the teachers and led by the students in historic sites within the city of Jerusalem

Course/Module Content:

*Lecture # 1 (12.10.2021) - Introduction: The Political History of Jerusalem.
Tour No. 1 (19.10.2021) - Nabi Samuel: Panoramic and historical review of Jerusalem and its environs.*

Lecture # 2 (2.11.2021) - Struggles for control of Jerusalem and limited

independence under a world superpower, the Roman Empire.

Tour # 2 (9.11.2021) - The Herodium: A multi-functional fortress (control, shelter, recreation) within a short ride (on horseback) from Jerusalem.

Lecture # 3 (23.11.2021) - Jerusalem between Rome, Byzantium, Persia and Islamic khalifate.

Tour No. 3 (30.11.2021) - Temple Mount: Religion, Politics and History in Antiquity and the Middle Ages.

Lecture # 4 (14.12.2021) - The Crusades and the emergence of the Ottoman Empire in the Eastern and Southern Mediterranean.

Tour No. 4 (21.12.2021) - Mount Zion Complex and the Jewish Quarter: Jews, Muslims and Crusaders in Jerusalem during the 2nd millennium.

Midterm Exam (20%) 4.1.2022.

Lecture 5 (8.03.2022) - The emergence of Zionism as a political movement, the disintegration of the Ottoman Empire and the beginning of the British Mandate.

Tour no. 5 (15.03.2022) - Expansion outside the walls in modern times: Mishkenot Sha'ananim, the German colony, Talbiyeh and Rehavia.

Lecture # 6 (29.03.2022) □The end of the British Mandate and the creation of a state within a state.

Tour # 6 (5.04.2022) - The Castel National Park: The Transition from the period of armed militias to a regular army. The War on Jerusalem, 1948.

Lecture # 7 (26.04.2022) - Establishment of the State of Israel, Jerusalem as a capital city and a border city.

Tour # 7 (3.05.2022) - The municipal line: The border between Israel and Jordan until 1967, Mount Scopus, Mandelbaum Gate and Abu Tor.

Lecture # 8 (17.05.2022) One or two capitals? Peace initiatives, creation of facts and provisional arrangements in a city under dispute.

Tour No. 8 (24.05.2022) - The Separation Fence: A United or divided capital city?

Lecture 9 (14.06.2022) - Summary of the course and instructions for writing the final individual project.

Required Reading:

Mostly in Hebrew.

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 15 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 10 %

Research project 55 %

Quizzes 20 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: