

## *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

### *Syllabus*

## *Young Marx: from Philosophical Critique to Social Revolution - 56143*

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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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Teaching Staff:

Prof Shlomo Avineri

Course/Module description:

The course will follow the development of Marx's social and political thought by studying selected writings from his early period, including those which have not been published in his lifetime. This will point out how Marx reached his radical conclusions by way of a critical acceptance of Hegel's thought by pointing out its internal tensions and its inability to live up to its own criteria as explicating historical reality. The texts discussed will include "The Critique of Hegel's Philosophy of Right", "On the Jewish Question". "The Economic-Philosophical Manuscripts", "The German Ideology" and "The Communist Manifesto". It will be discussed how this intellectual journey leads Marx to the conclusion that "Philosophers until now have only interpreted the world, but the point is to change it" – moving from social criticism to revolutionary activity.

Course/Module aims:

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

Understand the intellectual origins of the theory of Marx and to identify their contribution to the political, economic and philosophical discourse, in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Attendance requirements(%):

100%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: lectures

Course/Module Content:

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Required Reading:

1. קארל מארקס, "לביקורת פילוסופית המשפט של הגל: הקדמה" (ק. מארקס, כתבי שחרות, עמ' 65-78).

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2. מתוך "כתבי היד הכלכליים-פילוסופיים":  
"העבודה המנוכרת" (כתבי שחרות, עמ' 118-130)  
"קניין פרטי וקומוניזם" (שם, עמ' 142-154)  
"הכסף" (שם, עמ' 170-175).
  3. מתוך "המשפחה הקדושה" (שם, עמ' 201-206).
  4. מתוך "האידיאולוגיה הגרמנית" (שם, עמ' 242-254).
  5. פרידריך אנגלס, "התקדמות הריפורמה חברתית בקונוטיננט" (שם, עמ' 281-288).
  6. "תיזות על פוירבך" (מארקס-אנגלס, כתבים נבחרים, ב', עמ' 306-308).
  7. מתוך "המניפסט הקומוניסטי" (שם, א', עמ' 7-22).
  8. "לביקורת הכלכלה המדינית - הקדמה" (שם, עמ' 252-255).
  9. מתוך "לביקורת מצע גותהא" (שם, ב', עמ' 11-16).
  10. "התוצאות הצפויות של השלטון הבריטי בהודו" (שם, א', עמ' 244-249).
  11. שלמה אבינרי, משנתו החברתית והמדינית של קארל מארקס, פרקים ב'-ה', ט'.

Additional Reading Material:

12. Isaiah Berlin, Karl Marx
13. T.B. Bottomore 'Karl Marx's Early Writings.
14. Sidney Hook, From Hegel to Marx.
15. Jonathan Sperber, Karl Marx.

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 100 %  
Presentation 0 %  
Participation in Tutorials 0 %  
Project work 0 %  
Assignments 0 %  
Reports 0 %  
Research project 0 %  
Quizzes 0 %  
Other 0 %

Additional information: