The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Arabic Political Thought Medieval and Modern - 56890

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HU Credits: 4

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

Responsible Department: *Political Science*

Academic year: *0*

Semester: *Yearly*

Teaching Languages: *Hebrew*

Campus: *Mt. Scopus*

Course/Module Coordinator: *Dr. Wael Abu-Uksa*

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Teaching Staff:

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Course/Module description:
  This course focuses in key concepts that to a large extent formulate political thought in the Arabic language. During the course we will examine selected concepts, read and analyze prominent texts (translated into Hebrew or English) from a contextual perspective, and discuss ideational and epistemic differences between two genres of thought, philosophical and legal. The themes in the course are divided between two units of time, medieval and modern. Knowledge of Arabic is not obligatory for participating in the course.

Course/Module aims:

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
  The course will enable students to understand and analyze politics in the Arab world.

Attendance requirements(%):
  90

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:
  -Concepts and ideas
-Political concepts in Medieval Islam
-Political concepts in modern Arabic speaking world

Required Reading:
 Selected bibliography:

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Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 60 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 15 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 15 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 10 %
presentation

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