



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

THE HOLOCAUST AND THE LAW - 62424

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Law

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Adv. Aryeh Barnea

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Teaching Staff:

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Course/Module description:

The course will deal with the following subjects: the Weimar Republic and Defensive democracy; the Nazi legal system as an example of tyrannical legal systems; anti-Semitic legislation in general and the Nuremberg Laws in particular; WW2 and international law; the annihilation of the Jews as an example of Genocide; murder of non-Jews by Nazi Germany and its legal circumstances; the Nuremberg Trials; vengeance against the Nazis; judging war criminals in Germany and Austria; judging war criminals by the US; judging war criminals in Israel and on its behalf; the Eichmann trial; the Demjanjuk trial; the significance of the Holocaust regarding human rights today

Course/Module aims:

The course is intended to enable the students to meet the subject of the Holocaust, which is not strange to them, from new angles which are connected to important moral and legal issues, and make it possible for them to connect the historic process and its moral and legal interpretation to their general world view as human beings and as lawyers.

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

In the end of the course the students will broaden their knowledge in the subject of the Holocaust and its implications, and will be able to connect the historic process and its moral and legal interpretation to their general world view as human beings and as lawyers.

Attendance requirements(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: lessons that combine frontal lecture and debate in the class, active connection with the lecturer and the teaching assistant, reading relevant literature and a final examination

Course/Module Content:

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Required Reading:
will be updated

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:
Written / Oral / Practical Exam 100 %

Additional information: