

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Textual Fluidity in Rabbinic Literature - 7927

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Talmud & Halacha

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course will deal with phenomena that reflect the textual fluidity of Talmudic literature. We will study a wide range of examples that demonstrate various aspects of fluidity, and will attempt to understand their significance to the understanding of the history of Tannaitic and Amoraic learning and the history of Talmudic literature.

Course/Module aims:

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

Characterize various types of textual fluidity in Talmudic literature.
Distinguish between a fixed text, a fluid text, and non-textual transmission.
Assess the significance of various phenomena of fluidity to the understanding of the history of Tannaitic and Amoraic learning.
Assess the significance of various phenomena of fluidity to the understanding of the redaction of Talmudic texts.
Assess the significance of various phenomena of fluidity to the understanding of the transmission of Talmudic texts.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Seminar

Course/Module Content:

The relationship between text and content.
Fixed text, fluid text, and non-textual transmission.
Oral transmissions and written transmissions.
History of the Oral Law- fluid and fixed.
Fluidity in written Jewish texts, earlier than Rabbinic literature.
Fluidity in fixed texts.
Redaction- phenomena of fluidity in the redaction of Talmudic texts.
Transmission- phenomena of fluidity in the transmission of Talmudic texts.

Required Reading:

To be distributed during the course.

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 90 %

Active Participation / Team Assignment 10 %

Additional information: