



## Syllabus

# TOPOLOGICAL DYNAMICS - 80625

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Mathematics

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: English and Hebrew

Campus: E. Safra

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Teaching Staff:

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Course/Module description:

*The course covers basic definitions and theorems in topological dynamics.*

*Among the topics will be:*

- 1. Special classes like -  
Kronecker systems, distal flows and symbolic shifts.*
- 2. topological entropy.*
- 3. some applications to number theory.*

Course/Module aims:

*To encounter basic definitions and examples from topological dynamics, special classes of dynamical systems and the relations between them, and applications outside of dynamics.*

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

*The ability to understand more advanced material in topological dynamics.*

Attendance requirements(%):

60

*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: lectures*

Course/Module Content:

*Basic definitions and theorems.*

*Recurrence and its applications: van der Waerden's theorem*

*Discrete spectrum and classification of isometries*

*Rotation numbers and Poincaré's theorem*

*Furstenberg's theorem on 2- and 3-invariant sets*

*Expansion in non-integer bases and beta shifts*

Required Reading:

*There is no required reading.*

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Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 100 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: