

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

TOPICS IN ISLAMIC HISTORY AND CIVILIZATION - 8204

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department:

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages:

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator:

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Teaching Staff:

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Course/Module description:

Selected topics in Islamic History and Civilization
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The aim of the course is to study in depth a few central subjects in Islamic history religion and culture and to encourage the students to "think differently" namely to examine theories, survey the sources and question if needed their validity and their reliability. This may modify our understanding of the birth of Islam and its subsequent development.

Some of the subjects suggested for study are:

- 1. Muhammad, the birth of Islam and the creation of the empire: background, comparison with Christianity, examination of the sources.*
- 2. Geography and history: contribution of the various territories that came under Islam to its early development.*
- 3. "Holy History" (Heiligengeschichte - hagiology) and history: Scheme and reality in the accepted story of the Islamic rule - The Caliphahte, "Four righteous Caliphs," Dynasties.*
- 4. Schism in Islam: The birth of the Shī'ah and other independent movements outside the so called "Consensus."*
- 5. "Dome of the Rock" - Symbol? Political statement? Religious Statement? Architectural examination.*
- 6. War and Peace in Islam.*
- 7. Jews and Christians under Islam.*
- 8. Reform and renewal in Modern times.*

Selected Bibliography

The students are encouraged to use The Bibliographies offered in the major books dealing with Islamic history and those dedicated to Bibliography and sources, particularly the following:

Jean Sauvaget's Introduction to the History of the Muslim East - A Bibliographical Guide. Based on the Second Edition as Recast by Claude Cahen. University of California Press, Los Angeles 1965.

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Bosworth, C.E. The Islamic Dynasties. A chronological and genealogical handbook. Edinburgh, 1967.

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Particular works

1. Some translated Sources

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Idem. *The Distant Shrine: The Islamic Centuries in Jerusalem. AMS Press, New York, 1993. (Review by Heribert Busse, in Jerusalem Studies in Arabic and islam, 18, Jerusalem, 1994, pp. 224-226.)*

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Course/Module aims:

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

Attendance requirements(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

Required Reading:

See above

Additional Reading Material:

See above

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: