

HIST419 /JWST419R/ HEBR381 - Reading Documents in Israeli Society

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This course will focus on contemporary Israeli society, politics and culture. Students will have the opportunity to read Israeli newspapers, watch Israeli movies and popular TV shows and listen to Hebrew radio broadcasts. There is a prerequisite of HEBR 314.

Course description

The purpose of the course is to understand Hebrew in a level that allows you to read newspapers as well as academic articles. The learning about the Israeli society will be a byproduct for this process

Requirements :

Attendance: Students must attend all classes. Class attendance is recorded. Student with more than four unexcused absences will have their final grade lowered.

After each class, a text with understanding questions will be given as homework. Students are expected to come to class prepared to discuss the assigned readings as well as current events concerning Israel.

During the semester, there will be 8 in-class quizzes based on the same pattern of the homework. The first four quizzes will be only for self evaluation. The last 4 will be a part of the grading

A final exam will take place by the end of the semester.

Grading:

Attendance – 10%

Homework and Participation – 20%

In-class quiz (4X10) 40%

Final Exam – 30%