



Universidad de Sevilla/Faculty of Geography & History

Course GB-26

SEPHARAD: JEWISH HISTORY AND CULTURE WITHIN SPAIN.

(45 class hours)

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METHODOLOGY

The Course will develop through a combination of teacher input with regard to the explanation of syllabus contents -always supported by the screening of slides that will convey those same contents-, together with the commenting on, and debate about, materials (texts, images, maps) from the period concerned on the part of students. Syllabus contents will also be backed up by audio-visual media content that will be shown during classroom sessions. Additionally, also to be carried will be a series of cultural visits, guided and commented on by the Course teacher, to different historical-artistic local spots within the city of Sevilla which are especially significant, as in the case of the city's Jewish Quarter.

SYLLABUS

INTRODUCTION. Sepharad. The Spanish Middle Ages. Concepts and periodization.

Unit A) – The Birth of Spanish Judaism (5th to 10th centuries)

Topic 1: Jews in Visigothic Hispania

Topic 2: Jews in Al-Andalus

Topic 3: Jews in the Christian Kingdoms of the North

Unit B) – The Splendor of Spanish Judaism (11th-13th centuries)

Topic 4: Jews among the Taifas Kingdoms and the North African Dynasties

Topic 5: Jews in Christian Spain from the 11th to the 13th centuries

Unit C) – The Downfall of Spanish Judaism (14th to 15th centuries)

Topic 6: From the First Signs of intolerance to Expulsion

Topic 7: The Expulsion of 1492

COURSE ASSESSMENT

Course assessment will be carried out by means of two exams, one mid-way through the semester and the other at its close. Additionally, students will be given the opportunity of undertaking a reading report on the book by Dr. Montes Romero-Camacho, *Jews in the Spanish Middle Ages*, as a way of improving on the grade obtained in the exams.

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