



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

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VP105_DIP_STUDIUM

Visiting Professor Program Academic year 2022/2023

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 36 hours

COURSE TITLE

Jewish History: A Material Approach to the Dead Sea Scrolls and First Century Judaism.

TEACHING PERIOD

2nd term

SCIENTIFIC AREA

Hebrew

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH

English

COURSE SUMMARY

The course aims at introducing to the study of material culture as a tool for understanding first century Judaism. The course comprises of two sections. The first will be dedicated to those elements of material culture that are characteristic of the Jewish presence in the Land of Israel, in particular pertaining to the religious practice: Temple, synagogues, scrolls, ritual baths, stone vessels, etc. The second, and main, section will focus on Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls. The study of the scrolls as archaeological materials and of the context in which they were found offers an important contribution to the understanding of the discoveries in the Desert of Judah.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

To promote a multidisciplinary approach to the study of Judaism, integrating historical knowledge and archaeological investigations.

To introduce to the study of the material culture of first century Judaism.

To develop critical skills in the analysis of archaeological materials and contexts.

TUTORSHIP ACTIVITIES

N/A

LAB ACTIVITIES

N/A

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE

N/A

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

The professor in charge of this course should be a scholar active in the study of the archeology of Qumran and the late Second Temple Judaism. His/Her area of interest should span from the study of Hebrew texts to the archaeology of the Land of Israel, where he/she should have led or participated to archaeological excavations, and have gained a deep understanding of the dynamics underlying archaeological work in the area of Southern Levant. He/she should have authored a number of scientific publications related to the topics covered by the course.

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