Module title: Introduction to Akkadian
Abbreviation: 04-AO-AKE-072-m01

Module coordinator: holder of the Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies
Module offered by: Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies

ECTS: 10
Method of grading: numerical grade
Only after succ. compl. of module(s): --

Duration: 1 semester
Module level: undergraduate
Other prerequisites: --

Contents:

Akkadian, which belongs to the Semitic family of languages, was the most widespread language of the ancient Near East. Thus, the student must begin learning the language from the start of the programme. This module provides the student with an overview of the writing systems and languages of the ancient Near East and acquaints them with the fundamental principles of scholarly work. The module introduces the student to cuneiform as well as to Akkadian grammar and vocabulary, with special emphasis on the Old Babylonian dialect.

Intended learning outcomes:

The student will become familiar with the structure of the Akkadian language and especially with the criteria necessary for the analysis of forms.

He/she will be able:
1. to create reasonable genitive constructions (in bound transcription) from given nouns and to translate these,
2. to combine given substantives with pronominal suffixes and to translate these,
3. to render verbal forms given in transliteration with a bound transcription, to analyse and to translate these forms,
4. to name the phonetic values of simple cuneiform signs,
5. to read the Code of Hammurabi from the Neo-Assyrian cuneiform writing, to correctly render it with a bound transcription, to translate it as well as to analyse the verbal forms.

The student will acquire the ability to use the most important resources (grammars, dictionaries, bibliographies, text editions) and will be familiar with the fundamental religious, legal and social principles underlying the Code of Hammurabi as well as with the most important provisions of family law.

Courses:

This module comprises 2 module components. Information on courses will be listed separately for each module component.

- 04-AO-AKE-1-072: Ü + Ü + Ü (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)
- 04-AO-AKE-2-072: L + Ü (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)

Method of assessment:

Assessment in this module comprises the assessments in the individual module components as specified below. Unless stated otherwise, successful completion of the module will require successful completion of all individual assessments.

Assessment in module component 04-AO-AKE-1-072:

- 5 ECTS, Method of grading: numerical grade
- written examination (approx. 90 minutes)

Assessment in module component 04-AO-AKE-2-072:

- 5 ECTS, Method of grading: numerical grade
- oral examination (approx. 30 minutes)
## Module description

### Allocation of places

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### Additional information

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**Referred to in LPO I** *(examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)*

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