

Module title		Abbreviation
Akkadian Texts 1		o4-AO-AKKL1-122-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
holder of the Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies		Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
10	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
2 semester	undergraduate	--
Contents		
<p>The course gives an introduction to the younger literary language of Akkadian, so-called Standard Babylonian. On the one hand, the readings focus on Akkadian epic and mythological texts, such as the canonical version of the Gilgames Epic, Istar's Descent to the Netherworld, the Legend of Sargon's Birth and the Anzû Myth. A selection of literary texts of the Old Babylonian period may also be studied (e. g. the Old Babylonian version of the Gilgames Epic). On the other hand, the readings focus on royal inscriptions, especially from the Neo-Assyrian period. Inscriptions of the Sargonid kings (Sennacherib, Esarhaddon or Assurbanipal) form the central part of the curriculum. Reading the texts, the student will also develop a knowledge of Babylonian mythology and theology as well as of the history of the ancient Near East in the 1st millennium BC.</p>		
Intended learning outcomes		
<p>The student will acquire knowledge of the structure and characteristics of Standard Babylonian, with special emphasis on the criteria which are decisive for the analysis of forms. He/she will be able to transliterate and translate the Standard Babylonian literary and historical texts read or assigned in class and to comment upon their content, form and style. With the help of dictionaries and sign lists, he/she will also be able to transliterate, translate and classify the contents of Standard Babylonian texts beyond the class curriculum.</p>		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
S + S (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
<p>2 term papers (each 3,000 to 3,500 words excluding bibliography) Language of assessment: German, English</p>		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Workload		
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Teaching cycle		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module appears in		
<p>Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Ancient Near Eastern Studies (Minor, 2012) Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Ancient World (2013) Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Ancient Near Eastern Languages (AW) (Minor, 2012) Bachelor's degree (2 majors) Ancient Near Eastern Studies (2012)</p>		