### Module title

Akkadian Texts 1

| Abbreviation | 04-AO-AKKL1-122-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)

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### Duration

2 semester

### Module level

undergraduate

### Other prerequisites

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### Contents

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.

### Intended learning outcomes

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 transcribe 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 transcribe, translate and classify the contents of Standard Babylonian texts beyond the class curriculum.

### Courses

S + S (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)

### Method of assessment

2 term papers (each 3,000 to 3,500 words excluding bibliography)
Language of assessment: German, English

### 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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### Module appears in

- 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)