Module description

**Module title**
Akkadian Texts 1/1

**Abbreviation**
04-AO-AKKL1/1-152-m01

**Module coordinator**
holder of the Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies

**Module offered by**
Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies

**ECTS**
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**Method of grading**
umerical grade

**Duration**
1 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. 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). Reading the texts, the students will also acquire a knowledge of Babylonian mythology and theology.

**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 transliterate and translate the Standard Babylonian literary and historical texts assigned in class, and 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.

**Courses**
(type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

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Module taught in: German and/or English

**Method of assessment**
(type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

term paper (3000 to 3,500 words excluding bibliography)
Language of assessment: German and/or 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 World (2015)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Ancient Near Eastern Languages (AW) (Minor, 2015)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Ancient Near Eastern Studies (Minor, 2015)
Bachelor’s degree (2 majors) Ancient Near Eastern Studies (2015)