The course gives an introduction to selected dialects or historical stages of the Akkadian language. Simultaneously, in the context of the text readings, the students will acquire a detailed knowledge of the history of Mesopotamian society, economy and law. The text readings usually focus on archival documents and letters in one or two selected dialects of Akkadian (at least one of which being a stage of the Assyrian dialect).

**Intended learning outcomes**

The student will acquire detailed knowledge of Akkadian dialectology; he/she will acquire knowledge of the structure and the rich forms of the Assyrian dialect of Akkadian. The student will be able to transliterate, translate and comment upon (with regard to content and formal style) the literary and documentary texts read or assigned in class.

He/She will acquire the ability to transliterate, translate and categorise the content of more difficult Akkadian texts (including selected texts in the Assyrian dialect) beyond the class curriculum with the help of dictionaries and sign lists.

**Courses**

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

**Method of assessment**

(term paper (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, 2014)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Ancient Near Eastern Languages (AW) (Minor, 2014)
Bachelor's degree (2 majors) Ancient Near Eastern Studies (2014)