

Module title		Abbreviation
Ancient Near Eastern Texts: the 2nd Millennium		04-AO-AOT2-152-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)
15	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
<p>The module is dedicated to reading ancient Near Eastern texts of the 2nd millennium BC, including both literary and non-literary texts. Emphasis is normally placed upon the Akkadian tradition of the 2nd millennium BC (including the use of Akkadian outside of Babylonia and Assyria), but Sumerian texts of the 2nd millennium may also be incorporated into the curriculum. In addition, the ancient Near Eastern languages which are documented outside of Mesopotamia in the 2nd millennium (especially Hittite, but also Hurrian and other languages with a small text corpus) may also be studied. The linguistic form and the historical background of the texts read, including questions concerning the history of law, society, science and ideas, will be explained and discussed in class.</p>		
Intended learning outcomes		
<p>The student will acquire a comprehensive overview of the tradition of ancient Near Eastern texts of the 2nd millennium BC.</p> <p>He/she will gain deeper knowledge of selected text groups and their historical backgrounds, including political questions as well as questions about the history of law, society, religion, sciences and ideas.</p> <p>The student will have a good reading knowledge of selected dialects of Akkadian in the 2nd millennium BC and - provided that these are incorporated into the curriculum - knowledge of other ancient Near Eastern languages as well as the text groups associated with them.</p> <p>He/she will be able to transliterate and translate the texts assigned or read in class and to comment on both their content and formal style.</p> <p>He/she will acquire the ability to transliterate, translate and classify (with regard to content) more difficult Akkadian and/or Hittite texts of the 2nd millennium BC beyond the class curriculum with the help of dictionaries and sign lists.</p>		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
S (4) 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)		
written examination (approx. 90 minutes) Language of assessment: German and/or English		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Workload		
450 h		
Teaching cycle		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module appears in		

Master's degree (2 majors) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2015)
Master's degree (1 major) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2015)
Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2016)
Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2020)
Master's degree (2 majors) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2023)
Master's degree (1 major) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2023)
Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2023)