

<b>Module title</b>		<b>Abbreviation</b>
Ancient Near Eastern Texts: the 3rd Millennium		04-AO-AOT3-152-m01
<b>Module coordinator</b>		<b>Module offered by</b>
holder of the Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies		Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies
<b>ECTS</b>	<b>Method of grading</b>	<b>Only after succ. compl. of module(s)</b>
15	numerical grade	--
<b>Duration</b>	<b>Module level</b>	<b>Other prerequisites</b>
1 semester	graduate	--
<b>Contents</b>		
<p>The module is dedicated to reading ancient Near Eastern texts of the 3rd millennium BC, encompassing both literary and non-literary texts. Emphasis is normally placed, on the one hand, upon Old Akkadian texts of various genres and, on the other, upon the Sumerian tradition of the 3rd millennium, especially the Old Sumerian period (Early Dynastic IIIb) and the Ur III period. The cuneiform tradition of the late 4th and early 3rd millennia up to the Fara-period may be integrated into the curriculum. The linguistic form and the historical background of the texts read, including questions concerning the history of law, society, religion, science and ideas, will be explained and discussed in class. Individual text groups, especially archaic and proto-cuneiform texts, can be addressed in individual student presentations.</p>		
<b>Intended learning outcomes</b>		
<p>The student will acquire a comprehensive overview of the tradition of ancient Near Eastern texts of the 3rd millennium BC.          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.          The student will have a good reading knowledge of Old Akkadian and of selected language forms of Sumerian in the 3rd millennium BC.          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.          He/she will acquire the ability to transliterate, translate and classify (with regard to content) simple 3rd-millennium Akkadian and Sumerian texts beyond the class curriculum with the help of dictionaries and sign lists.</p>		
<b>Courses</b> (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
S (4) Module taught in: German and/or English		
<b>Method of assessment</b> (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		
<b>Allocation of places</b>		
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<b>Additional information</b>		
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<b>Workload</b>		
450 h		
<b>Teaching cycle</b>		
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<b>Referred to in LPO I</b> (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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<b>Module appears in</b>		
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)