## Module title

Ancient Near Eastern Texts: the 3rd Millennium

### Abbreviation

04-AO-AOT3-152-m01

## Module coordinator

holder of the Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies

## Module offered by

Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies

## ECTS

15

## Method of grading

numerical grade

## Duration

1 semester

## Module level

graduate

## Other prerequisites

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## Contents

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.

## Intended learning outcomes

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.

## 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

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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## 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)