

Module title		Abbreviation
Introduction to Ancient Near Eastern Studies		04-AO-GAO-112-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)
5	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
2 semester	undergraduate	The modules of Altorientalistik (Ancient Near Eastern Studies) that are part of the pool of general transferable skills (ASQ) cannot be chosen in the area of 'general transferable skills' by students of the following subjects: BA Altorientalistik (Ancient Near Eastern Studies) (85 and 60 ECTS credits), BA Alte Welt (Ancient World) (120 and 60 ECTS credits).
Contents		
<p>The module gives an overview of the cultural history of Western Asia from the Early Bronze age to the Neo-Babylonian period based primarily on written sources. Lecture course 1: The lecture gives an overview of the emergence, development and structure of cuneiform as well as of other selected ancient Near Eastern writing systems. The geographical distribution, cultural significance, relationships and fundamental structural phenomena of numerous languages of the ancient Near East will be presented. In addition, a systematic genre-oriented survey of the written remains of the ancient Near East will be given, with an emphasis on the history of ancient Near Eastern literature. Lecture course 2: The lecture gives an overview of the history of ancient Western Asia from the beginnings of "civilisation" in Southern Mesopotamia in the middle of the 4th millennium BC to the end of the Neo-Babylonian empire in 539 BC. The emphasis lies upon Mesopotamia, but Southwest Iran, Syria and Anatolia will also be taken into account. Special attention will be paid to the critical analysis of sources. The lecture combines brief survey accounts with a detailed discussion of individual examples.</p>		
Intended learning outcomes		
<p>The student will acquire an overview knowledge of ancient Near Eastern history and will be able to discuss historical developments and their attestation in written sources critically and in detail on the basis of selected examples. He/she will be familiar with the emergence, development and structure of cuneiform as well as of other selected ancient Near Eastern writing systems. He/she will acquire an overview knowledge of the text corpora of the ancient Near East and of their typical genres.</p>		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
V + V (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)		
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, English		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Workload		
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Teaching cycle		
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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) Classical Archaeology (2013)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Ancient Near Eastern Studies (Minor, 2012)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Ancient Near Eastern Studies (Minor, 2014)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2012)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (Minor, 2012)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Ancient World (Minor, 2013)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Ancient World (2013)
Bachelor's degree (2 majors) Classical Archaeology (2013)
Bachelor's degree (2 majors) Ancient Near Eastern Studies (2012)
Bachelor's degree (2 majors) Ancient Near Eastern Studies (2014)
Bachelor's degree (2 majors) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2012)