**Module title**  
Introduction to Ancient Near Eastern Studies  

**Abbreviation**  
04-AO-GAO-152-m01

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**Contents**

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.

**Intended learning outcomes**

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.

**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**

Bachelor' degree (1 major) Biochemistry (2013)  
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Biology (2011)  
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Biology (2013)  
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Chemistry (2010)  
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Chemistry (2009)  
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Geography (2010)  
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Computer Science (2014)  
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Bachelor's degree (1 major) Food Chemistry (2009)
Bachelor's degree (1 major) Mathematics (2014)
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Bachelor's degree (1 major) Musicology (2011)
Bachelor's degree (1 major) Physics (2012)
Bachelor's degree (1 major) Psychology (2010)
Bachelor's degree (1 major) Business Management and Economics (2013)
Bachelor's degree (1 major) Nanostructure Technology (2012)
Bachelor's degree (1 major) Economathematics (2009)
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Bachelor's degree (1 major) Economathematics (2008)
Bachelor's degree (1 major) Business Information Systems (2014)
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Bachelor's degree (1 major) Indology/South Asian Studies (2013)
Bachelor's degree (1 major) Mathematical Physics (2012)
Bachelor's degree (1 major) Human-Computer Systems (2010)
Bachelor's degree (1 major) Science of Music Education (2013)
Bachelor's degree (1 major) Computational Mathematics (2014)
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Bachelor's degree (1 major) Aerospace Computer Science (2014)
Bachelor's degree (1 major) Media Communication (2012)
Bachelor's degree (1 major) Political and Social Studies (2011)
Bachelor's degree (1 major) Romanic Languages (French/Italian) (2013)
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Bachelor's degree (1 major) Romanic Languages (Spanish/Italian) (2013)
Bachelor's degree (1 major) Functional Materials (2012)
Bachelor's degree (1 major) Academic Speech Therapy (2014)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Classical Archaeology (2009)
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Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Pedagogy (2011)
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Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) French Studies (2013)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) History (2010)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) History of Medieval and Modern Art (2013)
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Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Science of Music Education (2011)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Philosophy and Religion (2014)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Philosophy and Religion (2011)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Geography (Focus Physical Geography) (2010)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Geography (Focus Human Geography) (2010)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Political and Social Studies (2013)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Museology and material culture (2013)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) English and American Studies (2010)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Russian Language and Culture (2008)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Russian Language and Culture (2012)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Gallo-Roman philology (2010)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) German Language and Literature (2013)
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Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Italian Studies (2010)
Bachelor's degree (2 majors) Egyptology (2011)
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