## Module title

### Ancient Near Eastern history

### Abbreviation

04-AO-GES-082-m01

### Module coordinator

holder of the Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies

### Module offered by

Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies

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### Duration

1 semester

### Module level

undergraduate

### Contents

This module 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 available source material makes Southern Mesopotamia the main focus of the course, but Southwest Iran and Syria as well as, from the early 2nd millennium onwards, Anatolia will also be taken into account. Special attention will be paid to the critical analysis of sources. The module will discuss the history and topography of an important and thoroughly excavated ancient Near Eastern city, such as Babylon, Assur, Kalhu, Mari, Ugarit or Hattusa.

### Intended learning outcomes

The student will develop the ability to critically review historical texts of the ancient Near East. He/she will acquire an overview of the periodisation of the history of the ancient Near East as well as of the major dates in the political history of the ancient Near East. In addition, the student will acquire an in-depth knowledge of the history and topography of a city in the ancient Near East.

### Courses

(V + V + T) (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)

### Method of assessment

2 written examinations (approx. 90 minutes each)

### 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’s degree (1 major, 1 minor) Ancient Near Eastern Studies (Minor, 2008)
- Bachelor’s degree (1 major, 1 minor) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2009)
- Bachelor’s degree (2 majors) Ancient Near Eastern Studies (2008)