

<b>Module title</b>		<b>Abbreviation</b>
Introduction to Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology		04-AO-GVA-112-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>
5	numerical grade	--
<b>Duration</b>	<b>Module level</b>	<b>Other prerequisites</b>
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).
<b>Contents</b>		
<p>The module gives an overview of the cultural history of Western Asia from the Epipalaeolithic period to the Islamic conquest based on archaeological sources. Lecture course 1: The lecture gives an overview of ancient Near Eastern cultural history from the Paleolithic to the end of the Early Bronze Age. The different types of historic monuments and especially the different ceramic styles will be presented in their geographic environment and specific context of discovery and will be diachronically traced. The most important finds and results of important ancient Near Eastern sites will be discussed. In addition, the lecture introduces students to archaeological methods and tools for dating, analysis and systematisation of finds and explains archaeological technical terminology. Lecture course 2: The lecture gives an overview of ancient Near Eastern cultural history from the beginning of the Middle Bronze Age (early second millennium B.C.) to the rise of Islam with an emphasis on the two last pre-Christian millennia. The different types of historic monuments will be presented in their geographic environment and specific context of discovery and will be diachronically traced. The most important finds and results of important and thoroughly excavated ancient Near Eastern cities will be discussed. The description of connections between archaeological finds and historical episodes will be particularly emphasised.</p>		
<b>Intended learning outcomes</b>		
<p>The student will acquire an overview of the basic lines of ancient Near Eastern cultural history. He/she will be familiar with the predominant types of historic monuments and most important find places and will be able to discuss diachronic developments. He/she will develop a knowledge of archaeological methods and fundamental technical terminology.</p>		
<b>Courses</b> (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
V + V (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)		
<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, English		
<b>Allocation of places</b>		
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<b>Additional information</b>		
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<b>Workload</b>		
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<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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**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)