

Module title		Abbreviation
Introduction to Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology		04-AO-GVA-152-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	--
Contents		
<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>		
Intended learning outcomes		
<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>		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
V (1) + V (1) 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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Workload		
150 h		
Teaching cycle		
Teaching cycle: Part 1: every year, winter semester; Part 2: every year, summer semester		
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 (2015) Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2015)		

Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (Minor, 2015)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Ancient World (2015)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Ancient World (Minor, 2015)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Ancient Near Eastern Studies (Minor, 2015)
Bachelor's degree (2 majors) Classical Archaeology (2015)
Bachelor's degree (2 majors) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2015)
Bachelor's degree (2 majors) Greek Philology (2015)
Bachelor's degree (2 majors) Ancient Near Eastern Studies (2015)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Ancient World (Minor, 2016)
Bachelor's degree (2 majors) Classical Archaeology (2018)
Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Classical Archaeology (2018)