

<b>Module title</b>		<b>Abbreviation</b>
Introduction to Sumerian		o4-AO-SUE-o82-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>
10	numerical grade	--
<b>Duration</b>	<b>Module level</b>	<b>Other prerequisites</b>
1 semester	undergraduate	--
<b>Contents</b>		
<p>The Sumerian language, which is not related to any other known language, is the oldest written language of the ancient Near East. This module gives an introduction to the grammar and vocabulary of Sumerian as well as to the cuneiform in which it was written; the knowledge to be acquired by the student is reinforced through the reading of simple Sumerian texts. Emphasis is placed upon the Neo-Sumerian grammar, which is employed in the inscriptions of Gudea of Lagas and elsewhere.</p>		
<b>Intended learning outcomes</b>		
<p>The student will acquire an overview of the structure of the Sumerian language and especially of the criteria necessary for the analysis of forms as well as the ability to use the most important resources (grammars, dictionaries, bibliographies, text editions). He/she will be able</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) to create reasonable genitive constructions in different cases from given nouns and to translate these,</li> <li>(2) to combine given substantives with pronominal suffixes and case endings and to translate these, to analyse verbal forms and to translate these,</li> <li>(3) to read and translate simple royal inscriptions from the original cuneiform writing and</li> <li>(4) to analyse verbal forms given in transliteration from more difficult texts.</li> </ol>		
<b>Courses</b> (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
<p>This module comprises 2 module components. Information on courses will be listed separately for each module component.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• o4-AO-SUE-1-o82: Ü + Ü (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)</li> <li>• o4-AO-SUE-2-o82: L + T (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)</li> </ul>		
<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)		
<p>Assessment in this module comprises the assessments in the individual module components as specified below. Unless stated otherwise, successful completion of the module will require successful completion of all individual assessments.</p> <p><b>Assessment in module component o4-AO-SUE-1-o82:</b> Introduction to the Sumerian language (Sumerian 1) Introduction to the Sumerian language (Sumerian 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 ECTS, Method of grading: numerical grade</li> <li>• written examination (approx. 90 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><b>Assessment in module component o4-AO-SUE-2-o82:</b> Sumerian Readings with Particular Reference to Grammatical Analysis (Sumerian 2) Sumerian Readings with Particular Reference to Grammatical Analysis (Sumerian 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 ECTS, Method of grading: numerical grade</li> <li>• written examination (approx. 90 minutes)</li> <li>• Only after successful completion of module components: Successful completion of module component o4-AO-SUE-1 is a prerequisite for participation in module component o4-AO-SUE-2.</li> </ul>		
<b>Allocation of places</b>		
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<b>Additional information</b>		
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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) Ancient Near Eastern Studies (Minor, 2008)  
 Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Pre- and Protohistoric Archaeology (2009)  
 Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Ancient World (2008)  
 Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Ancient Near Eastern Languages (AW) (Minor, 2008)  
 Bachelor's degree (2 majors) Ancient Near Eastern Studies (2008)  
 Bachelor's degree (2 majors) Greek Philology (2009)