

Module description

Module title					Abbreviation
Introductory Sumerian 1					04-AO-SUME1-112-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	nume	rical grade			
Duration Module level		Module level	Other prerequisites		
1 semester		undergraduate			
Contents					

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 royal inscriptions. Emphasis is placed upon the Neo-Sumerian grammar, which is employed in the inscriptions of Gudea of Lagas and elsewhere.

Intended learning outcomes

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

- (1) to create reasonable genitive constructions in different cases from given nouns and to translate these,
- (2) to combine given substantives with pronominal suffixes and case endings and to translate these, to analyse verbal forms and to translate these,
- (3) to read and translate simple royal inscriptions from the original cuneiform writing.

Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

Ü (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)

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 (90 minutes)

Language of assessment: German, English

Allocation of places

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Additional information

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Workload

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Teaching cycle

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$\textbf{Referred to in LPO I} \ \ (\text{examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes})$

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Module appears in

Master's degree (2 majors) Greek Philology (2012)

Master's degree (1 major) Comparative Indo-European Linguistics (2012)

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) Ancient World (2013)

Bachelor's degree (1 major, 1 minor) Ancient Near Eastern Languages (AW) (Minor, 2014)



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Bachelor's degree (2 majors) Ancient Near Eastern Studies (2012)

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