This module introduces the student to more difficult Sumerian texts from various epochs of the development of the Sumerian language and deepens his/her knowledge of Sumerian grammar. The text readings focus on archival texts, especially legal documents, letters and administrative documents from the Old Sumerian and Ur III periods. Reading the texts, the student will also acquire a knowledge of the history of law, economy and society of Mesopotamia of the 3rd and early 2nd millennia BC.

**Intended learning outcomes**

The student will acquire detailed knowledge of the grammar and vocabulary of Sumerian in its various historical stages. He/she will be able to transliterate, translate and comment upon the form and content of the texts read or assigned in class. The student will acquire the ability to transliterate, translate and classify the contents of simple Sumerian archival texts beyond the class curriculum with the help of dictionaries and sign lists.

**Courses**

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

**Method of assessment**

term paper (2,000 to 2,500 words excluding bibliography)

Language of assessment: German, English

**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 World (2013)
Bachelor's degree (2 majors) Ancient Near Eastern Studies (2012)