



# Module Catalogue

for the Subject

## Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures

as a degree subject in a Master's degree programme with 2  
majors  
(45 ECTS credits)

Examination regulations version: 2012

Responsible: Faculty of Arts, Historical, Philological, Cultural and Geographical  
Studies

Responsible: Institute of Ancient Cultures

Responsible: Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies

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## The subject is divided into

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## Content and Objectives of the Programme

The degree subject Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures is offered by the Faculty of Arts of JMU in the framework of a Master's programme combining two majors of equal weighting; the degree subject Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures has a research focus. Students who write their Master's thesis in the degree subject Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures are awarded a Master of Arts (MA) degree.

Graduates from Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures

- have gained a thorough familiarity with selected branches of ancient Near Eastern studies, the different epochs in the history of the ancient Near East and the characteristics of the most important ancient Near Eastern cultures,
- have learned the research methods needed to undertake independent and critical research in the field of ancient Near Eastern studies and/or pursue doctoral studies in the discipline,
- have developed an in-depth knowledge of the Akkadian and Sumerian (optionally also Hittite) languages in different historical stages and dialects of these languages,
- have developed an advanced knowledge of the Mesopotamian cuneiform script,
- have developed a knowledge of some additional ancient Near Eastern languages and the scripts used to write them (optional),
- have developed a deeper and differentiated understanding of the typical thought patterns of the ancient Near Eastern cultures.

## Abbreviations used

Course types: **E** = field trip, **K** = colloquium, **O** = conversatorium, **P** = placement/lab course, **R** = project, **S** = seminar, **T** = tutorial, **Ü** = exercise, **V** = lecture

Term: **SS** = summer semester, **WS** = winter semester

Methods of grading: **NUM** = numerical grade, **B/NB** = (not) successfully completed

Regulations: **(L)ASPO** = general academic and examination regulations (for teaching-degree programmes), **FSB** = subject-specific provisions, **SFB** = list of modules

Other: **A** = thesis, **LV** = course(s), **PL** = assessment(s), **TN** = participants, **VL** = prerequisite(s)

## Conventions

Unless otherwise stated, courses and assessments will be held in German, assessments will be offered every semester and modules are not creditable for bonus.

## Notes

Should there be the option to choose between several methods of assessment, the lecturer will agree with the module coordinator on the method of assessment to be used in the current semester by two weeks after the start of the course at the latest and will communicate this in the customary manner.

Should the module comprise more than one graded assessment, all assessments will be equally weighted, unless otherwise stated below.

Should the assessment comprise several individual assessments, successful completion of the module will require successful completion of all individual assessments.

## In accordance with

the general regulations governing the degree subject described in this module catalogue:

**ASPO2009**

associated official publications (FSB (subject-specific provisions)/SFB (list of modules)):

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This module handbook seeks to render, as accurately as possible, the data that is of statutory relevance according to the examination regulations of the degree subject. However, only the FSB (subject-specific provisions) and SFB (list of modules) in their officially published versions shall be legally binding. In the case of doubt, the provisions on, in particular, module assessments specified in the FSB/SFB shall prevail.

