

Subdivided 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: 2023
Responsible: Faculty of Arts, Historical, Philological, Cultural and Geographical
Studies
Responsible: Institute of Ancient Cultures
Responsible: Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies

Learning Outcomes

German contents and learning outcome available but not translated yet.

Ausbildungsziele

Ziel der Ausbildung in den BA-Studiengängen Altorientalistik ist die Vermittlung von Kenntnissen der wichtigsten Teilgebiete sowie der Methoden der Altorientalistik in ihrer gesamten Vielfalt. Die Studierenden erarbeiten sich dadurch das Grundwissen, das für ein konsekutives MA-Studium im Fach Altorientalistik erforderlich ist, und erwerben überfachliche Kompetenzen, die sie für ein an ein geisteswissenschaftliches BA-Studium anschließendes Studium außerhalb der Altorientalistik oder einen Berufseinstieg benötigen.

Durch die BA-Abschlussarbeit zeigen die Studierenden, dass sie in einem thematisch und zeitlich begrenzten Rahmen in der Lage sind, eine Fragestellung aus dem Bereich der Altorientalistik nach den erlernten wissenschaftlichen Methoden unter Anleitung weitgehend selbstständig zu bearbeiten.

Auf den Zielen der BA-Studiengänge konsekutiv aufbauend sind die Ziele der Ausbildung in den MA-Studiengängen eine vertiefte Beschäftigung mit ausgewählten Themen der altorientalischen Sprachen und Kulturen, die Befähigung eigenständig Forschungsprobleme und -desiderate zu erkennen und Lösungen auf Basis eines fundierten Überblicks über die altorientalischen Kulturen zu erarbeiten sowie die für ein Promotionsstudium erforderliche Forschungserfahrung im Rahmen der MA-Abschlussarbeit zu gewinnen.

Berufsfelder

Das primäre Berufsfeld, auf das die Studiengänge zielen, ist die altorientalistische Tätigkeit in Forschungseinrichtungen (Universitäten, Akademien), in der Denkmalpflege, in Archiven, Sammlungen und im Museumswesen im In- und Ausland. Darüber hinaus werden aber auch Kompetenzen für Tätigkeiten außerhalb der wissenschaftlichen Berufsfelder vermittelt. Das Lehrangebot fördert

- Kommunikations- und Kritikfähigkeit,
- interdisziplinäres Denken,
- Diskussionsbereitschaft und -befähigung, auch beim Arbeiten im Team,
- Bereitschaft und Befähigung zum selbstständigen und selbstverantwortlichen Lernen und Arbeiten,
- Befähigung, die Bearbeitung von zur Aufgabe gestellten Thematiken stofflich, zeitlich und didaktisch zu strukturieren und Zusammenhänge zu erkennen,
- gute Fremdsprachenkenntnisse, nicht nur alter Sprachen,
- Recherchefähigkeiten.

Auf diese Weise wird dem Bedarf der Studierenden nach einer praxisnahen, auch anwendungsorientierten und damit berufsqualifizierenden Hochschulausbildung Rechnung getragen.

Fachliche Kompetenzen

Die Altorientalistik erfordert im fachlichen Bereich philologische, archäologische, kulturwissenschaftliche und historische Kompetenzen. Die Würzburger BA-Studiengänge Altorientalistik sind philologisch-kulturgeschichtlich ausgerichtet und werden ab dem WS 2022-23 ergänzt werden durch neu eingerichtete BA-Studiengänge Vorderasiatische Archäologie mit archäologisch-kulturgeschichtlicher Ausrichtung. Die Ausbildung im BA Altorientalistik hat das Ziel, die Studierenden mit den wichtigsten räumlichen und sprachlichen Teilgebieten der Altorientalistik vertraut zu machen, die Methoden philologischen Arbeitens zu lehren, sowie einen fundierten Überblick über die Kulturen des historischen östlichen Mittelmeerraums und Westasiens zu geben. Ein Schwerpunkt des Studiums der Altorientalistik liegt – im Hauptfach ausgeprägter als im Nebenfach – auf dem Erlernen der Sprachen und Schriften der altorientalischen Kulturen.

Dabei wird Wert daraufgelegt, dass

- die Studierenden sich solide Kenntnisse über die altorientalischen Sprachen und Kulturen aneignen,
- sie in die Lage versetzt werden, altorientalische Texte im historischen Kontext vom vierten bis zum ersten vorchristlichen Jahrtausend zu erfassen, zu interpretieren und kritisch zu bewerten,
- Textquellen im funktionalen und sozialen Kontext auch unter historisch-landeskundlichen Aspekten betrachtet werden,
- die Studierenden altorientalische Denk- und Ausdrucksweisen in ihrer Metaphorik und Explizität bzw. Implizität kennenlernen, um eine Textquelle auch über die bloße Formanalyse hinaus im Sinne der Pragmatik zu verstehen,
- sie relevante altorientalische Quellentexte verschiedener Schwierigkeitsgrade im Rahmen des Curriculums im Original selbstständig übersetzen und verstehen können,
- sie in die Lage versetzt werden, handlungssicher die Methoden der altorientalischen Praxis und Feldforschung anzuwenden und umzusetzen,
- sie wichtige Kompetenzen in Nachbar- und Hilfswissenschaften erwerben, wie Archäologie, Museologie und Editions- und Ausstellungswesen,
- sie interkulturelle Kompetenzen und Verständnis für den Raum Westasien in seiner kulturhistorischen Dimension entwickeln.

Sowohl für die Beschäftigung mit altorientalischen Quellen aber auch anderen Aspekten der antiken Kulturen gilt, dass die Studierenden

- selbstständig wissenschaftlich arbeiten,
- sich selbstständig mit sprachwissenschaftlichen und kulturhistorischen Fragestellungen beschäftigen
- sich kritisch mit aktuellen Fragen der Forschung auseinandersetzen,
- sie ihre Untersuchungsergebnisse schriftlich stilsicher und korrekt dokumentieren,
- mit Textverarbeitung umgehen, Texte edieren, Datenbanken anlegen, Daten archivieren, Daten verwalten und Daten sichern können,
- sie angemessene (digitale) Präsentationstechniken verinnerlicht haben und umsetzen können.

Die sprachliche Komponente auch für Studierende im Nebenfach eröffnet bei entsprechender Qualifikation die Möglichkeit eines konsekutiven MA-Studiums Altorientalische Sprachen und Kulturen.

Überfachliche Kompetenzen und Schlüsselqualifikationen

Die Entwicklung der überfachlichen Kompetenzen orientiert sich an den Zielvorgaben des Bologna-Prozesses. Eine hervorgehobene Rolle kommt hierbei der Informationskompetenz zu, also der Voraussetzung für die selbstorganisierte Aneignung von Wissen und damit des lebenslangen Lernens. Zur Realisierung des Studienziels ‚Beschäftigungsfähigkeit‘ wird der Vermittlung von Schlüsselkompetenzen ein hoher Stellenwert beigemessen.

Schlüsselqualifikationen werden überwiegend bereits im Fachstudium erworben, indem neben den fachlich-inhaltlichen Kompetenzen den Studierenden in den Lehrveranstaltungen kognitive Kompetenzen vermittelt werden, wie z. B. konzeptuelles Denken, Transferfähigkeit und Problemlösungsfähigkeit. Des Weiteren sind Persönlichkeitsmerkmale wie Selbstständigkeit, Kreativität, Verantwortungsbereitschaft, Leistungsbereitschaft wichtige Grundlagen für beruflichen Erfolg. Über diese fachlichen, kognitiven und persönlichen Kompetenzen hinaus sind weitere Kompetenzen für ein erfolgreiches Berufsleben von Bedeutung. Dazu zählen u. a. soziale Kompetenzen wie Konfliktmanagement und Kritikfähigkeit, Teamfähigkeit, Einfühlungsvermögen, Durchsetzungsvermögen sowie weitere Führungsqualitäten. Die Universität Würzburg hat dieser Entwicklung Rechnung getragen, indem sie für die Bachelor-Hauptfachstudiengänge in ihren unterschiedlichen Ausprägungen anteilig Bereiche ausgewiesen hat, die für den Erwerb von Schlüsselqualifikationen reserviert sind.

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:

ASPO2015

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

16-Nov-2022 (2022-63)

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.

The subject is divided into

Abbreviation	Module title	ECTS credits	Method of grading	page
Compulsory Electives (45 ECTS credits)				
o4-AO-AOT1A-152-m01	Ancient Near Eastern Texts: the 1st Millennium A	15	NUM	6
o4-AO-AOT1B-152-m01	Ancient Near Eastern Texts: the 1st Millennium B	15	NUM	8
o4-AO-AOT2-152-m01	Ancient Near Eastern Texts: the 2nd Millennium	15	NUM	10
o4-AO-AOT3-152-m01	Ancient Near Eastern Texts: the 3rd Millennium	15	NUM	12
o4-AO-AS-152-m01	Akkadian Language	15	NUM	14
o4-AO-HS-152-m01	Hittite Language	15	NUM	15
Thesis (30 ECTS credits)				
o4-AO-MAO-152-m01	Master Thesis	30	NUM	17

Module title		Abbreviation
Ancient Near Eastern Texts: the 1st Millennium A		04-AO-AOT1A-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)
15	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
The module is dedicated to reading non-literary ancient Near Eastern texts of the 1st millennium BC, in particular letters, legal documents, administrative documents, royal inscriptions and historiographical texts, but also ancient Near Eastern scientific texts (medical, mathematical etc.) or ritual texts from the context of the temple cult. Emphasis is placed upon reading Akkadian cuneiform texts from the various regions of the ancient Near East in the 1st millennium BC (especially Babylonia and Assyria); texts of the 1st millennium BC in other ancient Near Eastern languages (e. g. hieroglyphic Luwian, Old Aramaic or Old Persian inscriptions) may also be read. The linguistic form and the historical background of the texts read, including questions concerning the history of law, society, science and ideas, will be explained and discussed in class.		
Intended learning outcomes		
The student will acquire a comprehensive overview of the tradition of ancient Near Eastern documental texts of the 1st millennium BC. He/she will gain deeper knowledge of selected text groups and their historical backgrounds, including political questions as well as questions about the history of law, society, sciences and ideas. The student will have a good reading knowledge of the major dialects of Akkadian in the 1st millennium BC. Optionally, knowledge of non-Akkadian texts of the 1st millennium BC may also be acquired. The student will be able to transliterate and translate the texts assigned or read in class and to comment on both their content and form. He/she will acquire the ability to transliterate, translate and classify (with regard to content) more difficult Akkadian texts of the 1st millennium BC beyond the class curriculum with the help of dictionaries and sign lists.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
S (4) 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 can be chosen to earn a 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		
450 h		
Teaching cycle		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module appears in		
Master's degree (2 majors) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2015) Master's degree (1 major) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2015)		
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Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2016)
Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2020)
Master's degree (2 majors) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2023)
Master's degree (1 major) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2023)
Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2023)

Module title		Abbreviation
Ancient Near Eastern Texts: the 1st Millennium B		o4-AO-AOT1B-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)
15	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
The module is dedicated to reading ancient Near Eastern literary texts of the 1st millennium BC, especially epics and mythology, prayers, hymns and invocations (with the appurtenant rituals and regulations), wisdom literature, lyrical texts or historical-legendary texts. Emphasis is placed upon reading Akkadian cuneiform texts of the 1st millennium BC, especially from Babylonia and Assyria, but bilingual (Sumerian-Akkadian) texts may also be incorporated into the curriculum. The linguistic form and the historical background of the texts read, including questions concerning the history of law, science and ideas, will be explained and discussed in class.		
Intended learning outcomes		
The student will acquire a comprehensive overview of the tradition of ancient Near Eastern literary texts of the 1st millennium BC. He/she will gain deeper knowledge of selected text groups and their historical backgrounds, including questions about the history of religion, sciences and ideas. The student will have a good reading knowledge of the major literary dialects of Akkadian in the 1st millennium BC, especially detailed knowledge of Standard Babylonian. He/she will be able to transliterate and translate the texts assigned or read in class and to comment on both their content and formal style. He/she will acquire the ability to transliterate, translate and classify (with regard to content) more difficult Akkadian texts of the 1st millennium BC beyond the class curriculum with the help of dictionaries and sign lists.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
S (4) 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 can be chosen to earn a 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		
450 h		
Teaching cycle		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module appears in		
Master's degree (2 majors) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2015) Master's degree (1 major) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2015) Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2016) Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2020)		
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Module title		Abbreviation
Ancient Near Eastern Texts: the 2nd Millennium		04-AO-AOT2-152-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)
15	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
The module is dedicated to reading ancient Near Eastern texts of the 2nd millennium BC, including both literary and non-literary texts. Emphasis is normally placed upon the Akkadian tradition of the 2nd millennium BC (including the use of Akkadian outside of Babylonia and Assyria), but Sumerian texts of the 2nd millennium may also be incorporated into the curriculum. In addition, the ancient Near Eastern languages which are documented outside of Mesopotamia in the 2nd millennium (especially Hittite, but also Hurrian and other languages with a small text corpus) may also be studied. The linguistic form and the historical background of the texts read, including questions concerning the history of law, society, science and ideas, will be explained and discussed in class.		
Intended learning outcomes		
The student will acquire a comprehensive overview of the tradition of ancient Near Eastern texts of the 2nd millennium BC. He/she will gain deeper knowledge of selected text groups and their historical backgrounds, including political questions as well as questions about the history of law, society, religion, sciences and ideas. The student will have a good reading knowledge of selected dialects of Akkadian in the 2nd millennium BC and - provided that these are incorporated into the curriculum - knowledge of other ancient Near Eastern languages as well as the text groups associated with them. He/she will be able to transliterate and translate the texts assigned or read in class and to comment on both their content and formal style. He/she will acquire the ability to transliterate, translate and classify (with regard to content) more difficult Akkadian and/or Hittite texts of the 2nd millennium BC beyond the class curriculum with the help of dictionaries and sign lists.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
S (4) 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 can be chosen to earn a 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		
450 h		
Teaching cycle		
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 Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2020)
 Master's degree (2 majors) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2023)
 Master's degree (1 major) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2023)
 Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2023)

Module title		Abbreviation
Ancient Near Eastern Texts: the 3rd Millennium		04-AO-AOT3-152-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)
15	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
The module is dedicated to reading ancient Near Eastern texts of the 3rd millennium BC, encompassing both literary and non-literary texts. Emphasis is normally placed, on the one hand, upon Old Akkadian texts of various genres and, on the other, upon the Sumerian tradition of the 3rd millennium, especially the Old Sumerian period (Early Dynastic IIIb) and the Ur III period. The cuneiform tradition of the late 4th and early 3rd millennia up to the Fara-period may be integrated into the curriculum. The linguistic form and the historical background of the texts read, including questions concerning the history of law, society, religion, science and ideas, will be explained and discussed in class. Individual text groups, especially archaic and proto-cuneiform texts, can be addressed in individual student presentations.		
Intended learning outcomes		
The student will acquire a comprehensive overview of the tradition of ancient Near Eastern texts of the 3rd millennium BC. He/she will gain deeper knowledge of selected text groups and their historical backgrounds, including political questions as well as questions about the history of law, society, religion, sciences and ideas. The student will have a good reading knowledge of Old Akkadian and of selected language forms of Sumerian in the 3rd millennium BC. He/she will be able to transliterate and translate the texts assigned or read in class and to comment on both their content and formal style. He/she will acquire the ability to transliterate, translate and classify (with regard to content) simple 3rd-millennium Akkadian and Sumerian texts beyond the class curriculum with the help of dictionaries and sign lists.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
S (4) 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 can be chosen to earn a 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		
450 h		
Teaching cycle		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module appears in		
Master's degree (2 majors) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2015) Master's degree (1 major) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2015)		
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Master's degree (2 majors) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2023)
Master's degree (1 major) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2023)
Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2023)

Module title		Abbreviation
Akkadian Language		o4-AO-AS-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)
15	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
The module is dedicated to reading more difficult Akkadian texts from various periods and regions of the ancient Near East. It conveys a representative overview of the development of Akkadian based on selected reading examples (especially Assyrian and Babylonian, but also different forms of so-called "Peripheral Akkadian"), of the position of Akkadian among the Semitic languages and of the language contacts between Akkadian and other languages of the ancient Near East. The reading of texts is central to the module; specific topics will be covered by individual student presentations.		
Intended learning outcomes		
The student will acquire a comprehensive overview of the development of Akkadian from the 3rd and into the 1st millennium BC as well as basic knowledge of the linguistic position of Akkadian. He/she will acquire a deeper understanding of selected text groups from the history of the Akkadian language with a particular regard to their language form. The student will be able to transliterate, translate and comment upon the texts assigned or read in class. He/she will acquire the ability to transliterate, translate and classify (with regard to content) more difficult Akkadian texts beyond the class curriculum with the help of dictionaries and sign lists.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
S (4) 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 can be chosen to earn a bonus)		
written examination (90 minutes) Language of assessment: German and/or English		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Workload		
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Module title		Abbreviation
Hittite Language		o4-AO-HS-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)
15	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
The module is dedicated to reading more difficult Hittite texts from various developmental periods of the Hittite language. It conveys a representative overview of the development of the Hittite language and Hittite cuneiform writing, of the position of Hittite among the Indo-European languages and of the language contacts between Hittite and Luwian. Non-Hittite texts from the Hittite text corpus (especially cuneiform Luwian and hieroglyphic Luwian texts) can be incorporated into the curriculum. The reading of texts is central to the module; specific topics will be covered by individual student presentations.		
Intended learning outcomes		
The student will acquire a comprehensive overview of the development of Hittite and basic knowledge of the linguistic position of Hittite. He/she will acquire a deeper understanding of selected groups of Hittite texts with a particular regard to their language form. The student will be able to transliterate, translate and comment upon the texts assigned or read in class. He/she will acquire the ability to transliterate, translate and classify (with regard to content) more difficult Hittite texts beyond the class curriculum with the help of dictionaries and sign lists. He/she will acquire skills in other ancient Anatolian languages testified to in the Hittite text corpus, provided that these are incorporated into the curriculum.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
S (4) 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 can be chosen to earn a bonus)		
written examination (90 minutes) Language of assessment: German and/or English		
Allocation of places		
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450 h		
Teaching cycle		
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Module appears in		
Master's degree (2 majors) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2015) Master's degree (1 major) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2015) Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2016) Master's degree (1 major) Museum and Ancient Cultures (2020) Master's degree (2 majors) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2023)		
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Module title		Abbreviation
Master Thesis		04-AO-MAO-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)
30	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	--
Contents		
The Master's thesis consists of a written research paper addressing a specific problem within the field of ancient Near Eastern studies, which utilises scholarly methods and is completed within the time frame stipulated by AS-PO (general academic and examination regulations). Within the Master's programme Altorientalische Sprachen und Kulturen (Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures) with a second discipline (45 ECTS credits), the Master's thesis may be of an interdisciplinary nature.		
Intended learning outcomes		
The student will acquire the ability to address a specific problem within the field of ancient Near Eastern studies, using scholarly methods, and to present his/her results in an appropriate written form.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
No courses assigned to module		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module can be chosen to earn a bonus)		
written thesis (25,000 to 30,000 words) Language of assessment: German or English		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
Time to complete: 6 months.		
Workload		
900 h		
Teaching cycle		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module appears in		
Master's degree (2 majors) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2015) Master's degree (1 major) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2015) Master's degree (2 majors) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2023) Master's degree (1 major) Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (2023)		