Subdivided Module Catalogue
for the Subject

Ancient Near Eastern Languages (AW)

as a minor in a Bachelor’s degree programme

(60 ECTS credits)

Examination regulations version: 2012

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

Responsible: Institute of Ancient Cultures
Course of Studies - Contents and Objectives

No translation available.
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)):

30-Jan-2013 (2012-191)

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.
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**Module title**
Akkadian Texts 1

**Abbreviation**
04-AO-AKLL1-122-m01

**Module coordinator**
holder of the Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies

**Module offered by**
Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies

**ECTS**
10

**Method of grading**
numerical grade

**Only after succ. compl. of module(s)**
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**Duration**
2 semester

**Module level**
undergraduate

**Other prerequisites**
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### Contents
The course gives an introduction to the younger literary language of Akkadian, so-called Standard Babylonian. On the one hand, the readings focus on Akkadian epic and mythological texts, such as the canonical version of the Gilgames Epic, Istar's Descent to the Netherworld, the Legend of Sargon's Birth and the Anzu Myth. A selection of literary texts of the Old Babylonian period may also be studied (e.g. the Old Babylonian version of the Gilgames Epic). On the other hand, the readings focus on royal inscriptions, especially from the Neo-Assyrian period. Inscriptions of the Sargonid kings (Sennacherib, Esarhaddon or Assurbanipal) form the central part of the curriculum. Reading the texts, the student will also develop a knowledge of Babylonian mythology and theology as well as of the history of the ancient Near East in the 1st millennium BC.

### Intended learning outcomes
The student will acquire knowledge of the structure and characteristics of Standard Babylonian, with special emphasis on the criteria which are decisive for the analysis of forms. He/she will be able to transliterate and translate the Standard Babylonian literary and historical texts read or assigned in class and to comment upon their content, form and style. With the help of dictionaries and sign lists, he/she will also be able to transliterate, translate and classify the contents of Standard Babylonian texts beyond the class curriculum.

### Courses
(type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)
S + S (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 can be chosen to earn a bonus)
2 term papers (each 3,000 to 3,500 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
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Module title

Akkadian Texts 2

Abbreviation

04-AO-AKKL2-122-m01

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holder of the Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies

Module offered by

Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies

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Method of grading

numerical grade

Only after succ. compl. of module(s)

Duration

2 semester

Module level

undergraduate

Other prerequisites

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Contents

The course gives an introduction to more difficult Akkadian literary texts and to selected dialects or historical stages of the Akkadian language. In the context of the text readings, the student also develops a detailed knowledge of the history of Mesopotamian religion and literature as well as of the history of law, economy and society of Mesopotamia. On the one hand, the text readings usually focus on the Babylonian Epic of Creation, the Erra Epic, incantations and rituals, hymns and prayers, omen texts, wisdom literature or lyric texts. On the other hand, they usually focus on archival documents and letters in one or two selected dialects of Akkadian (at least one of which being a stage of the Assyrian dialect).

Intended learning outcomes

The student will acquire detailed knowledge of the language of Babylonian literature and of Akkadian dialectology; he/she will acquire knowledge of the structure and the rich forms of the Assyrian dialect of Akkadian.

The student will be able to transliterate, translate and comment upon (with regard to content and formal style) the literary and documentary texts read or assigned in class.

He/she will acquire the ability to transliterate, translate and categorise the content of 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 + S (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 can be chosen to earn a bonus)

2 term papers (each 3,000 to 3,500 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 title

**Basics of Ancient Near Eastern Studies and Tutorials on Akkadian Grammar**

### Abbreviation

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### Contents

Complementary to the module *Einführung ins Akkadische 1* (Introductory Akkadian 1), this course gives an introduction to the methods and tools of ancient Near Eastern studies as well as to scholarly methods in general. The course also serves to practise and deepen the knowledge of Akkadian grammar acquired in the module *Einführung ins Akkadische 1*.

### Intended learning outcomes

The student will acquire the ability to use the most important tools of ancient Near Eastern studies (encyclopedias, bibliographies, significant journals, web-based tools). He/she will acquire basic knowledge of scholarly methods in the field of ancient Near Eastern studies (scholarly writing, developing arguments, techniques for bibliographies and research, proper citation and plagiarism, using sources).

The student will acquire knowledge of the structure of the Akkadian language and, in particular, of the criteria necessary for the analysis of forms. He/she will be able

1. to create reasonable genitive constructions from given nouns and to translate these,
2. to combine given substantives with pronominal suffixes and to translate these,
3. to render verbal forms given in transliteration with a bound transcription, to analyse and to translate these forms,
4. to name the phonetic values of simple cuneiform signs,
5. to transliterate, transcribe and translate simple practice sentences.

### Courses

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

Ü + 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 can be chosen to earn a bonus)

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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Introductory Akkadian 1 | 04-AO-AKKE1-122-m01

**Module coordinator**
holder of the Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies

**Module offered by**
Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies

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**Duration** | **Module level** | **Other prerequisites**
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1 semester | undergraduate | --

**Contents**
Akkadian, which belongs to the Semitic family of languages, was the most widespread language of the ancient Near East. Thus, the student must begin learning the language from the start of the programme. The module gives an introduction to cuneiform writing as well as to the grammar and vocabulary of Akkadian, although the main emphasis is on the Old Babylonian dialect.

**Intended learning outcomes**
The student will become familiar with the structure of the Akkadian language and especially with the criteria necessary for the analysis of forms.
He/she will be able
(1) to create reasonable genitive constructions from given nouns and to translate these,
(2) to combine given substantives with pronominal suffixes and to translate these,
(3) to render verbal forms given in transliteration with a bound transcription, to analyse and to translate these forms,
(4) to name the phonetic values of simple cuneiform signs,
(5) to transliterate, transcribe and translate simple practice sentences.
The student will learn to use the most important resources (grammars, dictionaries, text editions).

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

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**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, English

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Akkadian, a member of the Semitic family of languages, was the most widespread language of the ancient Near East. Thus, the student must begin learning the language from the start of the programme. The module gives an introduction to reading Akkadian texts, with special emphasis on the Old Babylonian dialect. Sections of the Code of Hammurabi in Neo-Assyrian cuneiform as well as other selected Old Babylonian texts (documents, letters, omens) will be read in class. By means of these text examples, the student will become familiar with the cuneiform signs as well as with Old Babylonian cursive. On the basis of the texts, the student will also develop a knowledge of Old Babylonian history, especially the history of society and of law.

### Intended learning outcomes

The student will acquire detailed knowledge of the structure of Akkadian and will be able to use this knowledge to independently read Akkadian texts. He/she will be able to transliterate, transcribe and translate texts from the Code of Hammurabi and other selected Old Babylonian texts and to give a grammatical analysis of these. In addition to the Neo-Assyrian form of cuneiform, the student will know the elementary signs of the Old Babylonian cursive and monumental script. He/she will be familiar with Old Babylonian history and, in particular, the history of society and law.

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Language of assessment: German, English

### Allocation of places

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### Module title

Introductory Hittite 1

### Abbreviation

04-AO-HETE-112-m01

### Module coordinator

holder of the Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies

### Module offered by

Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies

### ECTS

5

### Method of grading

numerical grade

### Only after succ. compl. of module(s)

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### Duration

1 semester

### Module level

undergraduate

### Other prerequisites

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### Contents

Hittite, which is the earliest attested language of the Indo-European family of languages, was written in Babylonian cuneiform. Thus, the Hittite culture forms an established component of the cuneiform culture. The module gives an introduction to the grammar and vocabulary of the Hittite language as well as the cuneiform in which it was written and reinforces the acquired knowledge with the reading of simple Hittite historical and/or legal texts.

### Intended learning outcomes

The student will acquire an overview of the structure of the Hittite 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 attach possessive suffixes to nouns and to decline these,
2. to analyse and translate verb forms,
3. to analyse conjunctions with enclitics,
4. to construct logical sentences from given lexemes and to translate these,
5. to transcribe, analyse and translate Hittite cuneiform texts from the class curriculum.

### Courses

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

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### Method of assessment

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written examination (90 minutes)

Language of assessment: German, English

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**Intended learning outcomes**

The student will acquire an overview of the structure of the Hittite 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 attach possessive suffixes to nouns and to decline these,
2. to analyse and translate verb forms,
3. to analyse conjunctions with enclitics,
4. to construct logical sentences from given lexemes and to translate these,
5. to transliterate, analyse and translate Hittite cuneiform texts from the class curriculum,
6. to transliterate, analyse and translate simple Hittite texts beyond the class curriculum from the cuneiform texts with the help of dictionaries and sign lists;
7. he/she will acquire a good basic knowledge of the historical-cultural background of the texts in question.

**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 can be chosen to earn a bonus)

written examination (90 minutes)

Language of assessment: German, English

**Allocation of places**

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**Additional information**

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**minor in a Bachelor's degree programme, 60 ECTS credits**

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### 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)

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### 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, English

### Allocation of places

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The Sumerian language, which is not related to any other known language, is the oldest written language of the ancient Near East. This module expands upon the introduction to the grammar and the vocabulary of Sumerian and the cuneiform in which it was written; the knowledge to be developed by the student is reinforced through the reading of simple Sumerian texts from various genres. Emphasis is placed upon the Neo-Sumerian grammar, which is employed in the inscriptions of Gudea of Lagas and elsewhere. In addition to the linguistic analysis of the texts, the inscriptions will also be considered from the perspective of political history, the history of religion and historical topography.

### 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 and other simple non-literary texts from the original cuneiform writing and
4. to analyse verbal forms given in transliteration from more difficult texts.

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The seminar gives an introduction to the ancient Near Eastern collection of a museum or to the historical sites of a specific region of the Near East. Understanding of the monuments will be acquired in advance and the monuments themselves studied on site under the guidance of students and instructors.

**Intended learning outcomes**

The student will acquire an overview of the ancient Near Eastern monuments of a museum or region of the Middle East and will acquire detailed knowledge of selected groups of monuments. He/she will study original monuments of the ancient Near East.

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

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**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)

presentation (approx. 45 minutes) with handout (4 to 6 pages)

Language of assessment: German, English

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The module gives an introduction to reading cuneiform texts from photos and from the original tablets. The student acquires various methods for the technical drawing of cuneiform texts and practices deciphering and autographing cuneiform tablets. The cuneiform tablet as an archaeological object will be discussed with regard to various aspects (format of tablets, joins, aspects of conservation, museological questions). The student will attempt to write cuneiform in clay him/herself.

**Intended learning outcomes**

The student will gain initial experience in the decipherment and technical drawing of cuneiform tablets and will have attempted to write cuneiform in clay him/herself. He/she will acquire critically reflected knowledge of archaeological and museological questions and problems associated with the cuneiform tablet as a physical object.

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**Method of assessment**

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

Language of assessment: German, English

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The class gives an introduction to the historical geography of the Middle East. Essential information will be provided concerning the geography and environment of the various regions of Western Asia, the topography of certain regions in selected historical periods as well as the elements of ancient Near Eastern and modern toponymy. Special emphasis will be given to the "correct" transliteration and pronunciation of ancient and modern place and regional names of the Middle East; varying conventions and their backgrounds will be presented.

**Intended learning outcomes**

The student will acquire a good knowledge of the historical geography of the Middle East as well as of the typical environmental conditions in the regions of Western Asia. He/she will be familiar with the various conventions for transliterating ancient and modern geographical names of the various regions of the Middle East and will be familiar enough with the phonemic inventory of Arabic, Turkish and Persian to be able to correctly pronounce modern place names.

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

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**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)

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This module gives an introduction to the modern Turkish language. The basics of Turkish grammar, elementary Turkish vocabulary and the ability to converse in everyday situations will be practised. Writing, reading, listening and speaking skills will be given equal consideration in the course.

### Intended learning outcomes

The student will master the basics of Turkish grammar and an elementary Turkish vocabulary; he/she will be able to participate in simple conversations in typical everyday situations.

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This module continues the introduction to modern Turkish. Attention is given to expanding upon the basics of Turkish grammar (especially the verbal system and syntax), increasing the elementary Turkish vocabulary and the ability to converse in a wider variety of everyday situations. Writing, reading, listening and speaking skills will be given equal consideration in the course.

**Intended learning outcomes**

The student will acquire an expanded knowledge of the basics of Turkish grammar and an increased elementary Turkish vocabulary; he/she will be able to participate in simple conversations in diverse everyday situations.

**Courses**

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

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