

## Annex SFB

### Studienfachbeschreibung (subject description, SFB) for the subject

### Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology as a degree subject in a Master's degree programme with 2 majors (45 ECTS credits)

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

Responsible: Institute of Ancient Cultures

Responsible: Chair of Ancient Near Eastern Studies

Examination regulations version: 2026

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

Information on assessment procedures: 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 a 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)):

**??-??-2026 (2026-??)**

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.

Every module will be described using the following form:

Abbreviation	<b>Module title</b>						
	ECTS		Duration	(in semesters)	Method of grading		Module level
	Courses		To be specified in the form X (y) with course type X abbreviated as specified above and number of weekly contact hours y				
	Method of assessment						
	Only after successful completion of		if applicable				
	Other prerequisites		if applicable				
	Participants and allocation of places		if applicable				
	Additional information		if applicable				
	Referred to in LPO I		if applicable (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)				

Compulsory Electives (45 ECTS credits)								
04-VA-FMK1-242-m01	<b>Advanced Module: Material Culture of the Ancient Near East 1</b>							
	ECTS	15	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	graduate
	Courses	S (4) Module taught in: German and/or English						
	Method of assessment	term paper (6000 to 7000 words excluding bibliography) Language of assessment: German and/or English						
04-VA-FMK2-242-m01	<b>Advanced Module: Material Culture of the Ancient Near East 2</b>							
	ECTS	15	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	graduate
	Courses	S (4) Module taught in: German and/or English						
	Method of assessment	term paper (6000 to 7000 words excluding bibliography) Language of assessment: German and/or English						
04-VA-NLV-262-m01	<b>Environment and Landscape Archaeology in Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology</b>							
	ECTS	15	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	graduate
	Courses	Ü (4) Module taught in: German and/or English						
	Method of assessment	a) term paper (6000 to 7000 words excluding bibliography) or b) project work (e. g. processing geo-archaeological data, approx. 50 hours total) Language of assessment: German and/or English						
04-VA-FDP-262-m01	<b>Advanced Module: Digital Practice</b>							
	ECTS	15	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	graduate
	Courses	Ü (4) Module taught in: German and/or English						
	Method of assessment	a) project work (e. g. evaluation, modelling and/or processing of archaeological data, approx. 50 hours total) or b) log (approx. 15 pages) or c) term paper (6000 to 7000 words excluding bibliography) or d) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 20 minutes) Language of assessment: German and/or English						
04-VA-MTF-242-m01	<b>Methods, Theories and Research History in Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology</b>							
	ECTS	15	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	graduate
	Courses	S (4) Module taught in: German and/or English						
	Method of assessment	term paper (6000 to 7000 words excluding bibliography) Language of assessment: German and/or English						

04-VA-FBV-262-m01	<b>Research and career strategies in Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology</b>							
	ECTS	15	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	graduate
	Courses	Ü (4) Module taught in: German and/or English						
	Method of assessment	a) term paper (6000 to 7000 words excluding bibliography) or b) log (approx. 15 pages) or c) project work (e. g. elaboration of a research proposal, approx. 50 hours total) or d) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 20 minutes) Language of assessment: German and/or English						
<b>Thesis (30 ECTS credits)</b>								
04-VA-MA-242-m01	<b>Master-Thesis Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology</b>							
	ECTS	30	Duration	1 semester	Method of grading	numerical grade	Modul level	graduate
	Courses	No courses assigned to module						
	Method of assessment	Master's thesis (40,000 to 50,000 words) Language of assessment: German or English						
	Additional Information	Time to complete: 6 months.						