



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

AKKADIAN FOR BEGINNERS - 42101

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HU Credits: 8

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: archaeology & ancient near east

Academic year: 0

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The Course presents the Akkadian language, esp. that of the Old Babylonian period (c. 1800-1500 BCE) in its historical and linguistic context. The course is philological by nature.

We shall learn nominal and verbal declinations, c. 100 cuneiform signs, and basic syntactic structure in Akk.

Most of the second semester is dedicated to the preparation and reading in class of Akk. texts.

Course/Module aims:

To reach solid knowledge of Akk. morphology (nouns and verbal forms).

To learn basic syntactic structures in Akk.

To know c. 100 cuneiform signs.

To bring the class to the level needed for 2nd/3rd year Akk.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

To analyse/parse nominal forms in Akk.

To analyse/parse verbal forms in Akk. and identify their root.

To read some literary and legal texts in Akk. with the help of glossary.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: frontal

Course/Module Content:

Akk. and other ancient Semitic languages.

Principles of Cuneiform writing and script.

Survey of Akk. dialects.

Declination of nouns and Adjectives in Akk.

Construct forms in Akk.

Akk. verbal system from a comparative point of view.

Tenses in Akk.

The Stative

Akk. verbal stems

Basic Akk. syntax

Required Reading:

R. Caplice, Introduction to Akkadian, Roma, 2002

Additional Reading Material:

All material distributed in the class.

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 80 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 5 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 15 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: