

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

THE AKKAD. MYTH: ISHTAR'S DESCENT TO THE NETHERWO - 42301

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Archaeology & Ancient near East

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The Akkadian Myth Ishtar's Descent to the Netherworld is an adaptation of the earlier Sumerian myth "Inanna's Descent to the Netherworld". The Akkadian text will be read, its relation to the Sumerian myth will be discussed, and its ritual context will be examined.

Course/Module aims:

Deepen knowledge of Akkadian and cuneiform
Encounter the Akkadian mythic world

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

read an Akkadian text independently
know about Akkadian mythology

Attendance requirements(%):

75

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Reading together, homework, exercises

Course/Module Content:

Reading the myth

Required Reading:

The Neo-Assyrian Myth of Ištar's Descent and Resurrection
Lapinkivi, Pirjo

Helsinki: The Neo-Assyrian Text Corpus Project, 2010

Series Information

State Archives of Assyria Cuneiform Texts, 6

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Written / Oral / Practical Exam 20 %

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 50 %

Active Participation / Team Assignment 20 %

Attendance / Participation in Field Excursion 10 %

Additional information: