



Syllabus

A glance at the netherworld: The Mesopotamian realm of dead - 42777

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HU Credits: 2

Responsible Department: archaeology & ancient near east

Academic year: 0

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

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Course/Module description:

The Mesopotamian netherworld and popular notions of death, as depicted in different texts: funerary texts, rituals, myths and letters.

Course/Module aims:

Learning about the mythology of death in ancient Mesopotamia, the architecture of the netherworld and its hierarchy.

Knowing various literary genres in Mesopotamian literature.

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

The students will get to know better a relatively less-known branch of Mesopotamian mythology and will be able to compare it later to other mythologies.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Close reading. Active participation. Preparing papers for class.

Course/Module Content:

Myths and visions

Inannan's/Itar's Descent to the Netherworld.

Ningizida's Descent to the Netherworld (UET 6/2, 395 Lambert, in Fs. Moran, 1990, 289-300).

Gilg. XII.

Nergal and Erekiḡal.

The Description of Bazi's chthonic temple (George, CUSAS 1, 10: 26-29).

The Netherworld Vision of an Assyrian Prince (Livingstone, SAA 3 No. 32).

Susa Funerary Texts

Required Reading:

Will be distributed by the teacher.

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 75 %
Assignments 25 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: