

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

The Epic of Gilgamesh - Tablet 2 (The Encounter) - 42823

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Archaeology & Ancient near East

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

Course/Module Coordinator: Prof. Nathan Wasserman

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Course/Module description:

Close reading in Tab. II of the epic of Gilgamesh(OB and SB). Philological, literary discussion of the epic, against the background of Mesopotamian literature and mythology.

Course/Module aims:

Introduction to the central literary text of ancient Mesopotamia. Improving their reading skills in literary Akkadian.

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

Students will be able to access a long literary text in Akkadian. Get to know ancient Mesopotamian epic tradition. Get to know the research literature the epic of Gilgamesh.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Close reading around a table.

Course/Module Content:

The encounter with Enkidu, the fight scene. The meeting with Shamhat, the mating scene. Emotions in Gilgamesh.

Required Reading:

A. R. George 2003: *The Babylonian Gilgamesh Epic: Introduction, Critical Edition and Cuneiform Texts*. Oxford.

A. R. George 2004: *Additions to Gilgameš*, NABU 2004/49.

Additional Reading Material:

will be given during the course.

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 90 %

Active Participation / Team Assignment 10 %

Additional information: