

Course description

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Course name:	Culture of the ancient Middle East 1		
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Department/Unit /	KBS / KSB1			Academic Year	2023/2024
Title	Culture of the ancient Middle East 1			Type of completion	Exam
Accredited/Credits	Yes, 6 Cred.			Type of completion	Written
Number of hours	Lecture 3 [Hours/Week] Seminar 1 [Hours/Week]			Course credit prior to	NO
Occ/max	Status A	Status B	Status C	Counted into average	YES
Summer semester	0 / -	0 / -	0 / -	Min. (B+C) students	10
Winter semester	0 / -	0 / -	0 / -	Repeated registration	NO
Timetable	Yes			Semester taught	Winter semester
Language of instruction	Czech			Internship duration	0
Optional course	Yes				
Evaluation scale	1 2 3 4				
No. of hours of on-premise					
Auto acc. of credit	Yes in the case of a previous evaluation 4 nebo nic.				
Periodicity	K				
Substituted course	KBS/KSBV1				
Preclusive courses	N/A				
Prerequisite courses	N/A				
Informally recommended courses	N/A				
Courses depending on this Course	N/A				

Course objectives:

The course introduces the languages of the ancient Near East, their rediscovery and decryption which was essential for research in the field of ancient Near Eastern cultures. The next section of lectures describes pantheon and religious ideas of particular cultural circles, the most important mythological, epic and cultic texts, methods of divination, magical practices, conception of the underworld and the cult of ancestors. Attention will be also paid to the temples, their staff, and to the cultic year together with its most important festivals.

Requirements on student

Seminary paper, written exam.

Content

1. Languages and nations of the ancient Near East
2. Discovering of written evidence of the Near East
3. Decryption of ancient Near Eastern scripts and languages
4. Sumerian pantheon and mythology
5. Akkadian pantheon and mythology
6. Canaanite pantheon and mythology
7. Hittite pantheon and mythology
8. Epical texts
9. Oracles and magic - the official and personal piety
10. Conceptions of the underworld and the cult of ancestors
11. Songs, hymns and cultic compositions
12. Temples and priests
13. Cultic year and major festivals

Fields of study

Kurz naleznete také na Courseware ZČU.

Guarantors and lecturers

- **Guarantors:** Prof. PhDr. Petr Charvát, DrSc. (100%)

Literature

- **Basic:** Prosecký, Jiří. *Encyklopedie mytologie starověkého Předního východu*. Praha : Libri, 2003. ISBN 80-7277-188-4.
- **Basic:** Kramer, Samuel Noah. *Historie začíná v Sumeru : z nejstarších záznamů o projevech lidské kultury*. Praha : Nakladatelství Československé akademie věd, 1961.
- **Recommended:** Sasson, Jack M. *Civilizations of the ancient Near East*. Peabody, 2000. ISBN 1-56563-607-4.
- **Recommended:** Prosecký, Jiří a kol. *Encyklopedie starého Předního Východu*. Praha: LIBRI, 1999.
- **Recommended:** Prosecký, Jiří. *Encyklopedie starověkého Předního východu*. Praha : Libri, 1999. ISBN 80-85983-58-3.
- **Recommended:** *Epos o Gilgamešovi*. Praha : Lidové noviny, 2003. ISBN 80-7106-517-X.
- **Recommended:** Hruška, Blahoslav a kol. *Mýty staré Mezopotámie..* Praha, 1977.
- **Recommended:** Oppenheim, A. Leo. *Starověká Mezopotámie: portrét zaniklé civilizace*. Praha, 2001. ISBN 80-200-0749-0.

Time requirements**All forms of study**

Activities	Time requirements for activity [h]
Undergraduate study programme term essay (20-40)	40
Contact hours	52
Preparation for an examination (30-60)	63
Total:	155

assessment methods

Knowledge - knowledge achieved by taking this course are verified by the following means:

- Written exam
- Seminar work

prerequisite

Knowledge - students are expected to possess the following knowledge before the course commences to finish it successfully:

- Course requires no special prior knowledge and skills.

teaching methods

Knowledge - the following training methods are used to achieve the required knowledge:

- Lecture
- Seminar
- Self-study of literature

learning outcomes

Knowledge - knowledge resulting from the course:

- Student is able to identify and characterize particular languages of the ancient Near East. He identifies the most important Sumerian, Akkadian, Hittite and Canaanite deities, and he paraphrases and interprets the content of the most important mythological, epic and cultic texts. He also compares the particular phenomena of religious life in different cultures of the

ancient Near East and outlines the course of the most important religious ceremonies.

Course is included in study programmes:

Study Programme	Type of	Form of	Branch	Stage	St. plan	v.	Year	Block	Status	R.year	R.
International Regional Studies	Bachelor	Full-time	Near Eastern Studies	1	15-4		2023	Povinné předměty	A	1	ZS