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ANCIENT MESOPOTAMIAN LANGUAGES

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Course description and objectives

Aim of this course is to give to the students a basic knowledge of Sumerian and Akkadian languages including characteristic, grammar and their spreading in the ancient Near East.

Methods

Frontal lectures and practical exercises.

Knowledge and skills to be achieved

- Basic knowledge of Sumerian Grammar.
- Basic knowledge of Akkadian Grammar
- Sumerian writing.
- Akkadian writing
- Reading cuneiform inscriptions

Required Readings and materials

Students are required to read the following books:

Thomson, *Sumerian Language*
Fouzi Rashid, *The Sumerian grammar*
Fouzi Rashid, *The Akkadian grammar*
Labat, *Translate Dictionary*
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Grade

Evaluation for this course will be based on a midterm, final a term paper and response papers. The grade breakdown is as follows:

- The first exam (20%)
- The second exam 20%)
- Paper and Presentation (5%)
- Attendance and class participation (5%)



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The final exam (50%)

Attendance

Attendance to all the classes is mandatory.

Calendar

Week	Subject
Week1	Introducing the differentiation of old languages through video lectures
Week2	The development of the languages
Week3	How to study the characteristic of the Sumerian language and writing through the photographs of the tablets
Week4	How to identify the spread of the language analyzing the fabric of the tablets
Week5	Sumerian grammar 1
Week6	Sumerian grammar 2
Week7	Sumerian grammar 3
Week8	Sumerian grammar 4
Week9	Akkadian grammar 1
Week10	Akkadian grammar 2
Week11	Akkadian grammar 3
Week12	Akkadian grammar 4
Week13	Practical exercises
Week14	Practical exercises
Week15	Exam