

Cuneiform (CUNEIF)

Courses

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CUNEIF 100A Elementary Akkadian 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2020, Fall 2018

Akkadian was the language of literature, diplomacy, law, commerce, religion, and technical knowledge in Mesopotamia (ancient Iraq).

This course offers students the fundamentals in the language and cuneiform script in which the Hammurabi Laws, the Epic of Gilgamesh, the Babylonian Creation, along with many other texts, were written.

The study of Akkadian will enable students to read the classics of Akkadian literature and understand the emergence and development of the earliest writing system, cities and states, social and economic structures, and religious beliefs. This course is approved for UC Berkeley majors in Linguistics, as well as filling a requirement for the Near Eastern Civilization major.

Elementary Akkadian: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: No prerequisites

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for CUNEIF 100A after completing CUNEIF 100B.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Elementary Akkadian: [Read Less](#) [-]

CUNEIF 100B Elementary Akkadian 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Spring 2019

Akkadian was the language of literature, diplomacy, law, commerce, religion, and technical knowledge in Mesopotamia (ancient Iraq).

This course offers students the fundamentals in the language and cuneiform script in which the Hammurabi Laws, the Epic of Gilgamesh, the Babylonian Creation, along with many other texts, were written. The study of Akkadian will enable students to read the classics of Akkadian literature and understand the emergence and development of the earliest writing system, cities and states, social and economic structures, and religious beliefs. This course is approved for UC Berkeley majors in Linguistics and for the Near Eastern Civilization major.

Elementary Akkadian: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Cuneiform 100A: Elementary Akkadian or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Elementary Akkadian: [Read Less](#) [-]

CUNEIF 101A Selected Readings in Akkadian 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2019, Fall 2016

In each semester of this course, the student who has completed the first year of the study of Akkadian will read a variety of texts in the cuneiform script either of the Old Babylonian or the Neo-Assyrian periods. In any semester, the texts to be read may be drawn from a variety of text genres: legal, mythological, historical, prayer, etc., but each semester will focus on only one genre.

Selected Readings in Akkadian: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100A-100B or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: 100A-100B-100C.

Selected Readings in Akkadian: [Read Less](#) [-]

CUNEIF 101B Selected Readings in Akkadian 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2020, Spring 2017

In each semester of this course, the student who has completed the first year of the study of Akkadian will read a variety of texts in the cuneiform script either of the Old Babylonian or the Neo-Assyrian periods. In any semester, the texts to be read may be drawn from a variety of text genres: legal, mythological, historical, prayer, etc., but each semester will focus on only one genre.

Selected Readings in Akkadian: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100A-100B or consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: 100A-100B-100C.

Selected Readings in Akkadian: Read Less [-]

CUNEIF 102A Elementary Sumerian 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2017, Fall 2015

Introduction to Sumerian grammar and writing.

Elementary Sumerian: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Background in German and French recommended

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Elementary Sumerian: Read Less [-]

CUNEIF 102B Elementary Sumerian 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2018, Spring 2016

Introduction to Sumerian grammar and writing.

Elementary Sumerian: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Background in German and French recommended

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Elementary Sumerian: Read Less [-]

CUNEIF 103A Selected Readings in Sumerian 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2020, Fall 2016

Reading of texts selected for clarity of script, simplicity of vocabulary, and historical and cultural significance.

Selected Readings in Sumerian: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 102A-102B

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Selected Readings in Sumerian: Read Less [-]

CUNEIF 103B Selected Readings in Sumerian 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2017, Spring 2015
Reading of texts selected for clarity of script, simplicity of vocabulary, and historical and cultural significance.

Selected Readings in Sumerian: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 102A-102B

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Selected Readings in Sumerian: Read Less [-]

CUNEIF 106A Elementary Hittite 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2013, Fall 2008, Fall 2001
Introduction to Cuneiform Hittite language and grammar with reading of selected historical and religious texts.

Elementary Hittite: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Background in German and French recommended

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Elementary Hittite: Read Less [-]

CUNEIF 106B Elementary Hittite 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2009, Spring 2002, Spring 2000
Introduction to Cuneiform Hittite language and grammar with reading of selected historical and religious texts.

Elementary Hittite: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Background in German and French recommended

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Elementary Hittite: Read Less [-]

CUNEIF H195 Senior Honors 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017

Directed study centered upon preparation of an honors thesis.

Senior Honors: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Limited to senior honors candidates

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 4 units.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Senior Honors: Read Less [-]

CUNEIF 198 Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Instruction in areas not covered by regularly scheduled courses.

Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students: Read Less [-]

CUNEIF 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017

Enrollment is restricted by regulations shown in the .

Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read Less [-]

CUNEIF 200A Advanced Akkadian 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2020, Fall 2019

Reading of a variety of genres of Akkadian documents and literature.

Texts selected are based on the individual needs of participating students.

Advanced Akkadian: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 101A-101B

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Advanced Akkadian: Read Less [-]

CUNEIF 200B Advanced Akkadian 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Spring 2019

Reading of a variety of genres of Akkadian documents and literature.

Texts selected are based on the individual needs of participating students.

Advanced Akkadian: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 101A-101B

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Advanced Akkadian: Read Less [-]

CUNEIF 298 Seminar 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Fall 2019

Special topics in Cuneiform. Topics vary and are announced at the beginning of each semester.

Seminar: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Cuneiform/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Seminar: Read Less [-]