Cuneiform (CUNEIF) Courses

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.

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

Selected Readings in Akkadian

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, as well as filling a requirement for the Near Eastern Civilization major.

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

Selected Readings in Akkadian

CUNEIF 101A Selected Readings in Akkadian
4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Fall 2019
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.

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

Instructor: 100A-100B-100C.
CUNEIF 101B Selected Readings in Akkadian 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2022, Spring 2020
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.

CUNEIF 102A Elementary Sumerian 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Fall 2017
Introduction to Sumerian grammar and writing.
Selected Readings in 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.

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.

CUNEIF 102B Elementary Sumerian 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2018, Spring 2016
Introduction to Sumerian grammar and writing.
Selected Readings in 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.

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.

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.

CUNEIF 106B Elementary Hittite 4 Units
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.

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.

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 [-]