

Egyptian (EGYPT)

Courses

EGYPT 100A Introduction to Egyptian Hieroglyphs 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023

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Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: This course is a prerequisite for Egyptian 100B, offered in the spring semester. Both semesters of Egyptian 100 are required prerequisites for any of the other ancient Egyptian language courses

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

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

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Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: EGYPTIAN 100A or with the consent of the instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

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

EGYPT 101A Intermediate Egyptian 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2016, Fall 2014

Readings in Middle Egyptian hieroglyphic and hieratic texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100A-100B

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

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

EGYPT 101B Intermediate Egyptian 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2017, Spring 2015

Readings in Middle Egyptian hieroglyphic and hieratic texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 100A-100B

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

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

EGYPT 102A Elementary Coptic 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2002, Fall 2000, Spring 1997

Introduction to Sahidic dialect.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: German and Greek recommended

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

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

EGYPT 102B Elementary Coptic 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2003, Spring 2001

Readings in Sahidic, other dialects.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: German and Greek recommended

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Undergraduate

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

EGYPT H195 Senior Honors 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Directed study centered upon preparation of an honors thesis.

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: Egyptian/Undergraduate

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

EGYPT 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.

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: Egyptian/Undergraduate

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

EGYPT 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Enrollment is restricted by regulations shown in the .

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: Egyptian/Undergraduate

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

EGYPT 201A Middle Egyptian Texts 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Fall 2022, Spring 2021

The course will be based on the reading, translation, grammatical and philological analysis of Middle Egyptian literary and magical texts. Readings include spells of the ancient Egyptian funerary corpora of the Coffin Texts and Book of the Dead, texts from stelae of the Middle Kingdom, the Middle Kingdom story of Sinuhe.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Concurrent or previous enrollment in EGYPT 100A and EGYPT 100B or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Lucarelli

EGYPT 201B Middle Egyptian Texts 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2007, Fall 2005, Spring 2000

The course is designed as a continuation of Egypt 201A and will be based on the same type of reading, translation, grammatical and philological analysis of the Middle Egyptian literary and magical texts of 201A but requiring a deeper knowledge of the grammar and translation techniques. Readings will include magical spells for daily and funerary use, texts from stelae, the story of the "Eloquent Peasant" and extracts from the ancient Egyptian "Wisdom Literature."

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Concurrent or previous enrollment in EGYPT 201A or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Lucarelli

EGYPT 202 Hieratic 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2021, Spring 2020

Hieratic is the cursive form of the ancient Egyptian hieroglyphic script, which was mostly written on papyrus and ostraca (potsherds used as a writing surface) with a brush and ink. This course introduces the Hieratic writing system used in Middle and Late Egyptian texts. The course will include reading, transcription, and translation of selected texts written in Hieratic, dating from the Old Kingdom to the Ramesside Period.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Concurrent or previous enrollment in Middle Egyptian or EGYPTIAN 100A and EGYPTIAN 100B; and EGYPTIAN 200A and EGYPTIAN 200B or Late Egyptian (EGYPTIAN 203) or with the consent of the instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

EGYPT 202B Egyptian Texts 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2017

Philological analysis of texts of a single genre and period.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Concurrent or previous enrollment in 201A-201B or consent of instructor

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

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

EGYPT 203 Late Egyptian 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022

This course is designed to introduce students to the study of Late Egyptian, a later stage of the ancient Egyptian language used in the New Kingdom from ca 1500 to 1000 BCE. This course will cover Late Egyptian grammar through reading and translating literary texts written in both hieroglyphic and Hieratic scripts, in particular, the main literary tales of the "Two Brothers" and "Wenamun" will be examined.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Concurrent or previous enrollment in Middle Egyptian or EGYPTIAN 100A and EGYPTIAN 100B; and EGYPTIAN 200A and EGYPTIAN 200B or with the consent of the instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

EGYPT 204A Introduction to Demotic 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020

Demotic (derived from the Greek word demos, meaning "people") is the spoken and written language used by the people of Egypt during the Saite, Persian, Ptolemaic, and Roman periods (664 BCE–452 CE). Knowledge of this stage and script of the ancient language is essential for a proper understanding of Egypt during the later periods. After an introduction to the script and grammar (including non-verbal sentences and simple verbal forms), we will read and translate texts chosen from a wide variety of sources: mummy labels, inscribed votive stelae, liturgical, funerary, and magical texts, and oracles.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: A year-long university-level course in one of the stages of the ancient Egyptian language (Middle Egyptian, Late Egyptian, Old Egyptian, or Coptic), or the permission of the instructor

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

EGYPT 204B Demotic Texts 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021

This course builds upon material introduced in Egyptian 204A, continuing the study of Demotic (derived from the Greek word demos, meaning "people"), the stage of the ancient Egyptian language used by the people of Egypt during the Saite, Persian, Ptolemaic, and Roman periods (664 BCE–452 CE). Knowledge of this stage and script of the ancient language is essential for a proper understanding of Egypt during the later periods. Grammar covered this semester includes all forms of verbal sentences and clauses. We will read from a variety of genres, including oaths, marriage contracts, and literary, funerary, magical, and mythological texts. Students will obtain skills to transliterate, translate, and grammatically analyze Demotic texts.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Egyptian 204A or Consent of Instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

EGYPT 205 Ptolemaic Egyptian Hieroglyphic Texts 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course introduces the hieroglyphic texts of the temples of the Ptolemaic and Roman periods--a time when an increase in the number of signs, and the values that they could hold, widened the scribal playing field for creating expressions that function on multiple aural, visual, and thematic levels. In addition to studying the language, grammar, content, and purpose of the texts, we will examine individual scribal techniques used to foreground words and phrases singled out for emphasis, showing how they create interconnections between texts, reliefs, and architecture in the three-dimensional space of the temple.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Egyptian 100A and Egyptian 100B or Consent of Instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

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

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Egyptian/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.