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2021

Languages in Cuneiform Writing (Akkadian, Hittite) B

5.00 credits	30.0 h	Q1 and Q2

This biannual learning is being organized in 2021-2022

Teacher(s)	Tavernier Jan ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites	For the level 1 none, but knowledge of Latin is useful for Hittite. For the level 2, the course LGLOR1611 (level 1).
Main themes	An initiation into the Akkadian and Hittite languages. Alternately with LGLOR1611, this course is given to two distinct groups of students according to their level. The first term is devoted to Akkadian and the second to Hittite. For level 1 (beginners), it deals with cuneiform writing, basic vocabulary, and an introduction to the grammar with exercises. For level 2, it deals with reading of longer cuneiform texts.
Learning outcomes	**At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :** 1 At the end of this course, which implies following the course LGLOR1611 also, the student, with the aid of basic tools, will be capable to translate Akkadian and Hittite texts of average difficulty. In order to achieve this goal, he will have acquired the basic cuneiform signs, the basic vocabulary, as well as the necessary grammatical structures.
Evaluation methods	Written exam. Level I.1: grammatical exercises and small phrases in cuneiform writing and in translation. Level I.2: translation and analysis of texts in cuneiform and/or in transliteration.
Teaching methods	The lectures are based on manuals edited by the lecturer. The grammatical introduction is illustrated by exercises which the student prepares before each course. Next to that, te students also dispose of a lexicon, a sign list, a powerpoint presentation and verbal paradigms. At the level I.2 the students prepare texts distributed by the lecturer, and the course allows for a joint effort to arrive at a translation with commentary.
Content	Akkadian and Hittite belong to different linguistic families but both use the same cuneiform writing system. A Semitic language, Akkadian is the principal language of Mesopotamia from the third millennium onwards and became the lingua franca of the Ancient Near East in the second half of the second Millennium B.C. Level I.1: cuneiform writing, basic vocabulary, introduction to the grammar with exercises. Level I.2: detailed reading of the Code of Hammurabi and of Old Babylonian letters. Hittite, an Indo-European language, is the language of the Hittite Empire which controlled Anatolia and the north of Syria from around 1650 B.C to 1190 B.C. Level I.1: cuneiform writing, basic vocabulary, introduction to the grammar with exercises. Level I.2: detailed reading of extracts of the Hittite law codes and historic texts.

Bibliography	• Syllabus de la langue akkadienne • Liste de signes akkadiens • Présentation powerpoint (grammaire akkadienne) • Lexique akkadien - français et français - akkadien • Paradigmes du verbe akkadien • Syllabus de la langue hittite • Lexique hittite - français • Liste de signes hittites • Paradigmes du hittite Akkadien : ' F. Malbran-Labat, Manuel de langue akkadienne (PIOL, 50), Louvain, 2001. ' R. Labat & F. Malbran-Labat Manuel d'épigraphie akkadienne (signes, syllabaire, idéogrammes), 6e éd., Paris, 1988. ' The Assyrian Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, Chicago, 1956'. ' F. Malbran-Labat, Manuel de langue akkadienne : Lexiques akkadien ' français et français - akkadien (PIOL, 51), Louvain, 2001. Hittite : ' H.A. Hoffner & H.C. Melchert, A Grammar of the Hittite Language (Languages of the Ancient Near East, 1), Winona Lake, 2008. ' S. Vanséveren, Nisili : manuel de langue hittite (Lettres orientales 10), Louvain, 2006. ' E. Neu & Ch. Rüster, Hethitisches Zeichenlexikon (Studien zu den Bogazköy-Texten. Beiheft 2), Wiesbaden, 1989. ' J. Tischler, Hethitisches Handwörterbuch (Innsbrücker Beiträge zur Sprachwissenschaft 128), Innsbruck, 2008.
Other infos	For level I.1, fixed by the faculty. For level I.2, fixed by the lecturer at a first lecture.
Faculty or entity in charge	EHAC

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies	HORI1BA	5		🔍
Minor in Antiquity: Egypt, Eastern World, Greece, Rome	MINANTI	5		🔍