ANCIENT NEAR EAST LANGUAGES (ANEL)

ANEL 4000 First Year Akkadian I
Introduction to the grammar of the Akkadian language with emphasis on developing skills in the cuneiform writing system and reading of selected texts.
Fall
1 Course Unit
ANEL 4100 First Year Akkadian II
A continuation of First Year Akkadian I, this class teaches the grammar of the Akkadian language with emphasis on developing skills in the cuneiform writing system and reading of selected texts.
Spring
Prerequisite: ANEL 4000 OR ANEL 6000
1 Course Unit
ANEL 4200 Beginning Sumerian
An introduction to the grammar and writing system of the Sumerian language
Fall or Spring
1 Course Unit
ANEL 4250 Akkadian Literary Texts
Readings in Akkadian literary texts from ancient Mesopotamia.
Fall or Spring
Mutually Exclusive: ANEL 4250
Prerequisite: ANEL 4000
1 Course Unit
ANEL 4300 Akkadian Historical Texts
Readings in Akkadian historical texts from ancient Mesopotamia
Fall or Spring
Mutually Exclusive: ANEL 4300
1 Course Unit
ANEL 4420 Sumerian Daily Texts
Reading administrative and economic texts in the Sumerian Language from ancient Mesopotamia.
Fall or Spring
Mutually Exclusive: ANEL 7300
1 Course Unit
ANEL 4500 Middle Egyptian
Introduction to the grammar of Middle Egyptian.
Two Term Class, Student must enter first term; credit given after both terms are complete
1 Course Unit
ANEL 4600 Middle Egyptian Texts
This course will deal with those texts of the Middle Kingdom that are written in the classical form of the language. It will include both monumental inscriptions, such as autobiographical stela inscriptions (P. Newberry, BENI HASSAN) and stelae (Seth, LESESTUCKE) as well as narratives in prose (DeBuck, READING BOOK). Religious texts (ibid. and COFFIN TEXTS) will also be studied and analyzed. Distinctions between the grammar of the literary and non-literary genres will be discussed.
Fall or Spring
Prerequisite: ANEL 4500
1 Course Unit
ANEL 6000 First Year Akkadian I
Introduction to the grammar of the Akkadian language with emphasis on developing skills in the cuneiform writing system and reading of selected texts.
Fall
1 Course Unit
ANEL 6100 First Year Akkadian II
A continuation of 1st Year Akkadian I, this class builds on the lessons of that class on the grammar of the Akkadian language with emphasis on developing skills in the cuneiform writing system and reading of selected texts. To take this class without first having taken 1st Year Akkadian I requires permission of the instructor.
Not Offered Every Year
Prerequisite: ANEL 6000
1 Course Unit
ANEL 6250 Akkadian Literary Texts
Readings in Akkadian literary texts from ancient Mesopotamia.
Fall or Spring
Mutually Exclusive: ANEL 4250
Prerequisite: ANEL 6100
1 Course Unit
ANEL 6300 Akkadian Historical Texts
Readings in Akkadian historical texts from ancient Mesopotamia
Fall or Spring
Mutually Exclusive: ANEL 4300
Prerequisite: ANEL 6100
1 Course Unit
ANEL 6350 Akkadian Letters
Readings in Akkadian letters from ancient Mesopotamia.
Fall or Spring
Prerequisite: ANEL 6100
1 Course Unit
ANEL 6400 Intermediate Sumerian
Reading literary texts in the Sumerian Language from ancient Mesopotamia.
Two Term Class, Student must enter first term; credit given after both terms are complete
1 Course Unit
ANEL 6650 Demotic
The course will be an introduction to the writing, grammar, and literature of Demotic, the phase of the language in use during the latter periods of Egyptian history.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit
ANEL 6700 Late Egyptian
Introduction to the grammar of Late Egyptian.
Fall or Spring
Prerequisite: ANEL 4500
1 Course Unit
ANEL 6750 Old Egyptian
This course is an introduction to the language of the Egyptian Old Kingdom. The grammar of the period will be introduced during the early part of the semester, using Ededl’s ALTAGYPTISCHE GRAMMATIK as the basic reference. Other grammatical studies to be utilized will include works by Allen, Baer, Polotsky, Satzinger, Gilula, Doret, and Silverman. The majority of time in the course will be devoted to reading varied textual material: the unpublished inscriptions in the tomb of the Old Kingdom official Kapure—on view in the collection of the University Museum; several autobiographical inscriptions as recorded by Sethe in URKUNDEN I; and a letter in hieratic (Baer, ZAS 93, 1966, 1-9).
Fall or Spring
Also Offered As: AFRC 6750
Prerequisite: ANEL 4500
1 Course Unit

ANEL 6800 Coptic
The course will be an introduction to the writing, grammar, and literature of Coptic.
Not Offered Every Year
Also Offered As: RELS 6800
1 Course Unit

ANEL 7000 Readings in Akkadian Texts I
Readings in Akkadian texts on selected topics.
Not Offered Every Year
Prerequisite: ANEL 6100
1 Course Unit

ANEL 7200 The Land of Sumer: Writing, Language, and Culture
This self-contained course sets the Sumerian language, writing system and use of writing in their social and historical context. The aim is to provide students of ancient history and culture from diverse disciplines with a good grounding in Sumerian culture, familiarity with the Sumerian language and cuneiform writing system and the requisite knowledge for critical assessment of published translations and of the secondary literature. The course is organized as two threads, culture on the one hand and language on the other. The two threads are united by taking examples in the language exercises, vocabulary assignments, etc., as far as possible from the domain of the week’s cultural topics. The net effect is to examine the culture both through contemporary secondary literature and through direct contact with elementary primary texts of relevance to the various topics of discussion. The language component of the course will be carried out in a combination of transliteration and cuneiform, with an expectation that all students will gain familiarity with at least the core 80 syllabic signs, and about 100 additional logographic signs.
Not Offered Every Year
1 Course Unit

ANEL 7300 Sumerian Daily Texts
Reading administrative and economic texts in the Sumerian Language from ancient Mesopotamia.
Not Offered Every Year
Mutually Exclusive: ANEL 4420
1 Course Unit

ANEL 7400 Akkadian Religious and Scientific Texts
Readings in Akkadian of religious and scientific texts from ancient Mesopotamia.
Fall or Spring
Prerequisite: ANEL 6100
1 Course Unit