ANCIENT NEAR EAST LANGUAGES (ANEL)

ANEL 440 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.
Course usually offered in fall term
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

ANEL 441 1st Year Akkadian II
Introduction to the grammar of the Akkadian language with emphasis on developing skills in the cuneiform writing system and reading of selected texts.
Course usually offered in spring term
Prerequisites: ANEL 440, ANEL 640 or permission of the instructor.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

ANEL 446 Beginning Sumerian
Taught by: Tinney
One-term course offered either term
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

ANEL 460 Middle Egyptian
Introduction to the grammar of Middle Egyptian.
Taught by: Silverman
Two terms. Student must enter first term.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

ANEL 461 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.
Taught by: Silverman
One-term course offered either term
Prerequisite: ANEL 460
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

ANEL 542 Akkadian Letters
Readings in Akkadian letters from ancient Mesopotamia.
Taught by: Frame
One-term course offered either term
Prerequisite: ANEL 441/641
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

ANEL 546 Intermediate Sumerian
Taught by: Tinney
Two terms. Student must enter first term.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

ANEL 560 Late Egyptian
Introduction to the grammar of Late Egyptian.
One-term course offered either term
Prerequisite: ANEL 460
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

ANEL 561 Middle Egyptian Texts
This course will concentrate on the literary texts of the New Kingdom: Late Egyptian narratives such as THE DOOMED PRINCE, THE TWO BROTHERS, and HOURS AND SETH (Gardiner, LATE EGYPTIAN STORIES) and poetry; (Gardiner, CHESTER BEATTY I and Muller, LIEBESPOESIE). The grammar will be analyzed (Erman, NEUAGYPTISCHE GRAMMATIK and Korostovtsev, GRAMMARIE DU NEO-EGYPTIEN) and compared to that used in non-literary texts (Groll, THE NEGATIVE VERBAL SYSTEM OF LATE EGYPTIAN, NON-VERBAL SENTENCE PATTERNS IN LATER EGYPTIAN, and THE LITERARY AND NON-LITERARY VERBAL SYSTEMS IN LATE EGYPTIAN).
Taught by: Silverman
One-term course offered either term
Prerequisite: ANEL 560
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

ANEL 563 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).
Taught by: Silverman
One-term course offered either term
Prerequisite: ANEL 460; knowledge of German
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

ANEL 640 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.
Course usually offered in fall term
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

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ANEL 641 1st Year Akkadian II
Introduction to the grammar of the Akkadian language with emphasis on developing skills in the cuneiform writing system and reading of selected texts.
Course not offered every year
Prerequisites: ANEL 440, ANEL 640 or permission of the instructor.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
ANEL 644 Readings in Akkadian Texts I
Readings in Akkadian texts on selected topics.
Taught by: Frame
Course not offered every year
Prerequisite: ANEL 441/641
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit
ANEL 646 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.
Taught by: Tinney
Course not offered every year
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
ANEL 647 Sumerian Daily Texts
Taught by: Tinney
Course not offered every year
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit
ANEL 664 Coptic
The course will be an introduction to the writing, grammar, and literature of Coptic.
Taught by: Silverman
Course not offered every year
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
ANEL 740 Akkadian Religious and Scientific Texts
Readings in Akkadian of religious and scientific texts from ancient Mesopotamia.
Taught by: Frame
One-term course offered either term
Prerequisite: ANEL 441/641
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
ANEL 741 Akkadian Legal Texts
Readings in Akkadian legal texts and law corpora from ancient Mesopotamia.
Taught by: Frame
One-term course offered either term
Prerequisite: ANEL 441/641
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
ANEL 742 Akkadian Economic Texts
Readings in Akkadian economic texts from ancient Mesopotamia.
Course not offered every year
Prerequisite: ANEL 441/641
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit
ANEL 743 Peripheral Akkadian
Readings in selected texts in Akkadian from the periphery of Mesopotamia, including Alalah, Ugarit, Nuzi, Suza and El-Amarna.
One-term course offered either term
Prerequisite: ANEL 441/641
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
ANEL 746 Readings in Sumerian Texts
Selected readings in Sumerian texts.
Taught by: Tinney
One-term course offered either term
Prerequisite: ANEL 246/646
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

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