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
Also Offered As: ANEL 640
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
Also Offered As: ANEL 641
Prerequisites: ANEL 440, ANEL 640 or permission of the instructor.
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.
Also Offered As: AFST 460
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

ANEL 461 Middle Egyptian Texts: Literary
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 540 Akkadian Literary Texts
Readings in Akkadian literary texts from ancient Mesopotamia.
Taught by: Frame
One-term course offered either term
Prerequisite: ANEL 441/641
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

ANEL 541 Akkadian Historical Texts
Readings in Akkadian historical texts from ancient Mesopotamia.
Taught by: Frame
One-term course offered either term
Prerequisite: ANEL 441/641
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, LIEBELSPOESIE).
The grammar will be analyzed (Erman, NEUAGYPTISCHE GRAMMATIK and Korostovtzev, 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
Also Offered As: AFST 563
Prerequisite: ANEL 460; knowledge of German
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
ANEL 575 Aramaic: Approaches to Talmud: Traditional and Academic
Course will examine several key legal passages (sugyot) in the Babylonian Talmud from both a traditional and an academic perspective. After identifying important tensions and inconsistencies in each text, we will consider the disparate solutions posed by the early medieval rabbis (Rishonim) and contemporary scholars, and compare their respective approaches. Through these in-depth readings we will highlight how modern assumptions and goals for Talmud study differ from earlier generations and how contemporary approaches allow us to uncover new structures and meanings in the text. Attention will be paid to the comprehension of Aramaic lexical and grammatical forms. Open to students with prior experience studying the Babylonian Talmud in the original.
Course usually offered in fall term
Also Offered As: JWST 457
Prerequisite: Prior experience studying the Babylonian Talmud in the original
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
Also Offered As: ANEL 440
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

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
Also Offered As: ANEL 441
Prerequisites: ANEL 440, ANEL 640 or permission of the instructor.
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

ANEL 644 Readings Akkadian Texts I
Readings in Akkadian texts on selected topics.
Taught by: Frame
Course not offered every year
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

ANEL 645 Readings Akkadian Texts II
Readings in Akkadian texts on selected topics.
Taught by: Frame
Course not offered every year
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’ 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 660 Old Egyptian Texts: Religious
This course will examine the texts and grammar of religious and wisdom literature. The religious texts utilized will come from the spells of the Pyramid Texts (K. Sethe, DIE ALTÄGYPTISCHEN PYRAMIDENTEXTS), and the offering formulae carved on stelae and tomb walls. Sources for the latter will include published and unpublished material from Dendera, Giza, and other sites in the collections of the University Museum (H. Fischer, DENDERA IN THE THIRD MILLENNIUM, B.C., C. Fisher, THE MINOR CEMETERIES AT GIZA and W. Barta, AUFBAU UND BEDEUTUNG DER ALTÄGYPTISCHEN OPFERFORMEL). For the wisdom literature, the texts of Kagemni (Jequier, LE PAPYRUS PRISSE ET SES VARIANTES) and Prince Hordjedef (Brunner-Traut, ZAS 76 (1940), 3-9 will be read.
Taught by: Silverman
One-term course offered either term
Prerequisite: ANEL 563
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit
ANEL 661 Old Egyptian Texts: Secular
This is the beginner course in Modern Standard Arabic (MSA). It will introduce you to the speaking, listening, reading and writing skills in the standard means of communication in the Arab World. The course is proficiency-based, implying that all activities within the course are aimed at placing you, the learner, in the context of the native-speaking environment from the very beginning. Evaluation is done by the more traditional testing methods (vocabulary tests, dictations, grammar and translation exercises). We anticipate that by the end of this course (ARAB 031) students will range in proficiency from Novice High to Intermediate Low on the ACTFL scale; in other words (using the terminology of the government’s Foreign Service Institute), from ‘incipient survival’ to ‘full survival’ in the native-speaking environment.
Taught by: Silverman
One-term course offered either term
Prerequisite: ANEL 563
Activity: Lecture
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
Also Offered As: RELS 616
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

ANEL 665 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.
Taught by: Houser Wegner
Course not offered every year
Activity: Lecture
1 Course Unit

ANEL 667 Readings in Demotic
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.
Taught by: Frame
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 744 Readings Akkadian Texts III
Readings in Akkadian texts on selected topics.
Taught by: Frame
Course not offered every year
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

ANEL 745 Readings Akkadian Texts IV
Readings in Akkadian texts on selected topics.
Taught by: Frame
Course not offered every year
Activity: Seminar
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

ANEL 748 Sumerian Seminar
Extensive readings in a variety of Sumerian texts.
Taught by: Tinney
One-term course offered either term
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit

ANEL 749 Seminar in Cuneiform Texts
Extensive readings in selected cuneiform texts.
One-term course offered either term
Prerequisite: ANEL 441
Activity: Seminar
1 Course Unit