

COURSE TITLE: Calligraphy and copy of the Cuneiform writing

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Course description and objectives

The course aims at the introduction of the cuneiform writing in ancient Mesopotamia, starting from its invention during the Obeyed period. The course aims also to teach the students the reading and writing of the different cuneiform languages their differences Sumerian, Akkadian, Old Babylonian and Assyrian. Furthermore, during the course an introduction of the use of different techniques and computer program will be carried out in order to explain the role of the technologies in the study of the cuneiform texts.

Methods

The course will introduce the grammar of the different cuneiform languages, and the most important topics registered in the texts. The first part of the course will teach the basic grammar of the language and the methods of writing and its development. The second part will be dedicated to the practical training on the cuneiform writing on real clay tablets. The third part is dedicated to the use of the different research methodology in the field of the cuneiform studies and the use of the different computer programs that help us in the research.

Knowledge and skills to be achieved

Train the student on the use of the new research techniques and methodology. For example, to create a data base for the materials they have, the scanning programs that helps in reading the tablets.

Required Readings and materials

Sumerian reader

Nisaba journal

Original tablets from the Iraqi Museums.

Dictionaries of cuneiform studies

Reference 1: www.cdlt.edu.org

Reference 2: Sumer Journal

Reference 3: _____

Reference 4: _____

Reference 5: _____

Grade

The grade for the Calligraphy and Copy of the Cuneiform Studies will be divided as follow:

TYPE OF EXAM	DESCRIPTION	%
The first exam	Writing	15%
The second exam	Writing and practical	15%
The Final exam	Writing	30%
Paper and Presentation	Writing and practical	15%
Attendance and class participation	Mandatory	10%
Quizzes	Writing	15%

The grade scale will be as follows:

Excellence	90-95
Very good	80-89
Good	70-79
Average	65-69
Acceptable	60-64

Attendance

Mandatory

Calendar

Basic and support material to be covered according to the homework/reports and their due dates:

Week	Subject
Week 1	Title: he origin of the cuneiform writing bibliography
Week 2	Title: Obeyed period bibliography
Week 3	Title: Ancient Sumerian bibliography
Week 4	Title: New Sumerian bibliography
Week 5	Title: Old Babylonian texts bibliography
Week 6	Title: New Babylonian texts bibliography
Week 7	Title: The middle and new Assyrian texts bibliography

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Week 8	Title: the Middle and new Assyrian texts bibliography
Week 9	Title: Practical training on cuneiform writing bibliography
Week 10	Title: Practical training on cuneiform writing bibliography
Week 11	Title: Implementation of new program for the research, Data base and tablets scan bibliography
Week 12	Title: Implementation of new program for the research, Data base and tablets scan bibliography
Week 13	Title: Implementation of new program for the research, Data base and tablets scan bibliography
Week 14	Title: Research methodology and publication bibliography
Week 15	Title: Research methodology and publication bibliography