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# ANCIENT MESOPOTAMIAN LANGUAGES

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## Course description and objectives

Aim of this course is to give to the students a basic knowledge of Sumerian and Akkadian languages. They will study grammar, how to write and read cuneiform texts (Old Sumerian, Ur III and Old Babylonian).

## Methods

Frontal lectures and practical exercises.

## Knowledge and skills to be achieved

- Basic knowledge of Sumerian Grammar.
- Basic knowledge of Akkadian Grammar
- Sumerian writing.
- Akkadian writing
- Reading cuneiform inscriptions

## Required Readings and materials

Students are required to read the following books:

Labat

Ali Yassin *Dictionary of Akkadian Language*

Ali Yassin *Dictionary of Language Sumerian*

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## Grade

Evaluation for this course will be based on a midterm, final a term paper and response papers. The grade breakdown is as follows:

The first exam (10%)

The second exam 10%)

Paper and Presentation (10%)



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Quizzes (10%)

The final exam (60%)

### **Attendance**

Attendance to all the classes is mandatory.

### **Calendar**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Week1	The verb: formula G
Week2	The verb: formula D
Week3	The verb: formula sh
Week4	The verb: formula N
Week5	The vowel verb
Week6	The verb with the vowel as first letter
Week7	The verb with the vowel as the middle letter
Week8	The verb with the vowel as the last letter
Week9	Grammar: the verb
Week10	Grammar: the verb [the abnormal]
Week11	Reading and writing the Old Sumerian texts
Week12	Reading and writing the Akkadian texts
Week13	Reading and writing the UrIII texts
Week14	Reading and writing the Old Babylonian texts
Week15	Revision