UCLouvain

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Hieroglyphic Egyptian I

5.00 credits	15.0 h + 15.0 h	Q1

Teacher(s)	Obsomer Claude ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites	None.
Main themes	An initiation into Middle Egyptian, the classical language of Pharaonic Egypt. The course deals with hieroglyphic writing, a basic vocabulary, and the nominal morphology.
Learning outcomes	
Evaluation methods	Oral exam based on written preparation. The subjects are specified on a document on the Moodle server.
Teaching methods	The main course (15h) is given on the basis of the interactive DVD, projected in the class. Specially conceived for the course, this DVD presents the various questions treated, including the exercises which illustrate each theoretical point. These exercises will be prepared by the students (15h).
Content	Middle Egyptian is the classic language of pharaonic Egypt as used in the first half of the 2nd millenium, from the Middle Kingdom to the beginnings of the New Kingdom. After an introduction on the decipherment of hieroglyphs, the course gives a progressive discovery of the writing system, arriving at a memorization of the 200 most frequent signs and of a basic vocabulary of some 400 words. It then examines the morphology and syntax of nouns and adjectives.
Inline resources	On Moodle you can find details of the subject matter of the exam How to draw hieroglyphs: http://safran.be/proddetail.php?prod=LCA23DRAW.
Bibliography	Claude Obsomer, *Égyptien hiéroglyphique* , Bruxelles, Safran, 2009 (DVD interactif, grammaire et cahier d'exercices). Claude Obsomer and Sylvie Favre-Briant, *Hieroglyphic Egyptian* , Brussels, 2016.
Faculty or entity in charge	EHAC

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Bachelor in History of Art and Archaeology : General	ARKE1BA	5		
Bachelor in Ancient and Modern Languages and Literatures	LAFR1BA	5		
Bachelor in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies	HORI1BA	5		
Minor in Antiquity: Egypt, Eastern World, Greece, Rome	MINANTI	5		