


This biannual learning is being organized in 2026-2027

Teacher(s)	Gorris Elynn ;
Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites	Having completed the BA courses LGLOR1613 et LGLOR1614 and/or intermediate knowledge of the grammar and script (cuneiform signs)
Main themes	The course will focus on reading Akkadian texts of the 1st millennium BC, i.e. Neo-Assyrian and Neo-Babylonian dialects. Students will mainly dive into a corpus of administrative texts and letters from the Assyrian State Archives and private (merchant) archives, supplemented with passages from the Royal Annals and the Babylonian Chronicles.
Learning outcomes	<p>At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 analyse Akkadian grammar on an advanced level 2 distinguish between Neo-Assyrian and Neo-Babylonian dialect 3 read cuneiform signs on an intermediate level 4 conduct a critical analysis on the historical content of a text
Teaching methods	Students receive cuneiform texts in Akkadian language, of which the reading and analysis should be prepared before class. During class, individual readings and analyses will be compared, discussed and corrected, allowing the group to come to an appropriate translation. Critical reflexion on the historical content of the text in relation to the author of the text and text genre will be conducted in class after the translation.
Content	The course is intended to analyse political, diplomatie and commercial events in history from multiple literary angles. Students will receive a group of texts on the same theme; for instance a documentary text, a letter, a description of a military campaign and an oracle text ail describing same historical event. After the translation of this group of texts, one can analyse how the text genre influences the historical objectivity.
Inline resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://oi.uchicago.edu/research/pubs/catalog/cad/ (Akkadian Dictionary) • https://oracc.museum.upenn.edu/ • http://Lcdli.ucla.edu/drupal/ (Cuneiform Digital Library Initiative) • http://psd.museum.upenn.edu/nepsd/frame.html (Sumerian dictionary)
Bibliography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W. von Soden, 799S3, Grundriss der akkadischen Grammatik (Anür 33), Rome. • M.T. Roth, The Assyrian Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago (CAD), 27 vol., Chicago. • J. Huehnergard, 207I3, A grammar of Akkadian (Harvard Semitic Studies 45), Britt: Leiden. • F. Malbran-Labat, 2007, Manuel de langue akkadienne (PIOL 50), Louvain. • F. Malbran-Labat, 2007, Manuel de langue akkadienne: Lexiques akkadien - français et français- akkadien (PIOL, 57), Louvain. • R Labat and F. Malbran, 7988, Manuel d'épigraphie akkadienne, Paris. • J. Black, G. Andrew, N. Postgate (eds.), 2000, A Concise Dictionary of Akkadian (SANTAG 5), Wiesbaden.
Other infos	<p>Students are expected to bring to class their own(physical or digital) copy of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R Labat and F. Malbran, 7988, Manuel d'épigraphie akkadienne, Paris. • J. Black, G. Andrew, N. Postgate (eds.), 2000, A Concise Dictionary of Akkadian (SANTAG 5), Wiesbaden,.
Faculty or entity in charge	EHAC

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Master [120] in Ancient Languages and Literatures: Oriental Studies	HORI2M	5		
Master [60] in Ancient Languages and Literatures : Oriental Studies	HORI2M1	5		