

## **ANCIENT LANGUAGES OF ANATOLIA (ALA)**

### **HITTITE AND AKKADIAN**

July 16–August 9, 2019

**Program coordinator:**

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**Instructors**

Hittite: Dr. N. İlgi Gerçek

Akkadian: Dr. Selim F. Adalı

Luwian Workshop Instructor: Dr. Hasan Peker

**Schedule**

Monday–Thursday

10:00–12:00: Hittite

12:00–14:00: Lunch break

14:00–16:00: Akkadian

Office Hours

Wednesday, 16:30–18:00

### **Evaluation, Assignments, Workshops, Guest Lectures**

- **Assignments and evaluation**
  - Homework assignments
  - Weekly quizzes
  - Text reading assignment (for the final week)
- **Workshops**
  - **Introduction to Luwian (Date TBD)**  
**Instructor: Dr. Hasan Peker**  
In this three-day intensive workshop, students will learn the basics of Luwian grammar and epigraphy.
  - **Cuneiform epigraphy workshop (August 13-17)**  
**Instructor: Dr. N. İlgi Gerçek**  
In this workshop on cuneiform epigraphy, students will learn how to prepare autographs (hand drawings) and digital drawings of cuneiform tablets. The workshop will take place at the Cuneiform Tablet Archives of the Istanbul Archaeology Museums, where students will have the opportunity to work on original clay tablets.
  - **Cuneiform tablet workshop:** In this workshop students will learn how to make a clay tablet, wooden stylus, and inscribe clay tablets of their production with sentences they have translated into Hittite and Akkadian.

- **Guest Lectures**

- Dr. Nancy Amelia Highcock (McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, University of Cambridge), date TBD.

## Syllabus for Introduction to Hittite

Textbooks:

Van den Hout	<i>Elements of Hittite</i> . Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (2011).
Rieken	<i>Einführung in die Hethitische Sprache und Schrift</i> . Münster: Ugarit-Verlag (2015).
Hoffner and Melchert	<i>A Grammar of the Hittite Language</i> . Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns (2008).

### Week 1

#### Monday

- Introduction
  - Scripts and languages of Ancient Anatolia
  - (Re)discovery of the Hittite civilization and the beginnings of Hittitology
  - Hittite and the Indo-European language family

#### Tuesday

- Hittite phonology and orthography
- Philological conventions
- Transliteration and bound transcription
- Introduction to Hittite cuneiform

#### Wednesday

- Homework review
- Noun generalities
- Noun formation and inflection
- Cuneiform

#### Thursday

- Homework review
- Verb generalities
- Verb formation and inflection
- Present and preterite indicative of *mi-* and *hi-* conjugation verbs
- (Introduction to the enclitic chain)
- Cuneiform

### Week 2

#### Monday

- Homework review
- Introduction to the enclitic chain
- Enclitic personal pronouns
- Connectives and sentence particles
- Akkadian prepositions
- Cuneiform

### Tuesday

- Homework review
- Independent personal pronouns
- Genitive and possessive constructions, partitive apposition
- Hittite and Akkadian possessive suffixes
- Cuneiform

### Wednesday

- Homework review
- Present and preterite indicative medio-passive
- Imperfective
- Cuneiform

### Thursday

- Homework review
- Demonstrative pronouns *kā-*, *apā*, *aši*
- Participle
- Nominal sentences
- Neuter consonant stem nouns
- Ablauting *mi*-verbs
- *-ā(e)* verbs, *pai-*, *uwa*
- Constructions with *pai* and *uwa*
- Cuneiform

## **Week 3**

### Monday

- Homework review
- Relative and interrogative pronoun *kui-*
- Relative clauses
- Constructions with *ḫark-* and *ēš-*
- Cuneiform

### Tuesday

- Homework review
- Imperative
- Verbal nouns
- Vowel and consonant stem *ḫi*-verbs
- Cuneiform

### Wednesday

- Homework review
- Indefinite pronoun *kuiški*, distributive pronoun *kuišša*
- Adverbs
- Local particles
- Conditional clauses and modal participle *-man*
- Cuneiform

### Thursday

- Homework review

- Numerals
- Questions
- Remaining noun and verb categories
- Cuneiform

#### **Week 4**

##### Monday-Friday

- Text reading and workshops

## **Syllabus for Introduction to Akkadian**

#### Textbooks:

Caplice	<i>Introduction to Akkadian</i> . Rome: The Pontifical Biblical Institute (2002).
Huehnergard	<i>A Grammar of Akkadian</i> . Winona Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns (2000).

#### **Week 1**

##### Monday

- Introduction
  - Scripts and languages of Mesopotamia
  - (Re)discovery of the Mesopotamian civilization and the beginnings of Assyriology

##### Tuesday

- The Semitic language family
- Akkadian in the Semitic family tree

##### Wednesday

- Akkadian phonology and orthography

##### Thursday

- Homework review
- Functions of the noun cases
- The prepositions
- Quiz

#### **Week 2**

##### Monday

- Homework review
- Introduction to the root, stems and tenses
- Noun declensions
- Prepositions

##### Tuesday

- Homework review
- Nouns and adjectives
- Pronominal suffixes
- G-stem: the present-future and the preterite
- Word formation (overview)

### Wednesday

- Homework review
- The Assyrian Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago (= Chicago Assyrian Dictionary) – how to read the entries
- Sign lists

### Thursday

- Homework review
- Possessive Suffixes
- The Nominal Sentence
- Construct Chain.
- Quiz

## **Week 3**

### Monday

- Akkadian as lingua franca in the Hittite court
- Homework review
- G-stem: perfect and stative
- Vocalic Classes
- The Imperative
- Participles

### Tuesday

- Homework review
- Weak verbs
- Infinitive
- Conditional clauses

### Wednesday

- Introduction to Old Assyrian
- Homework review
- The verbal adjective
- Adverbs
- The Subjunctive

### Thursday

- Homework review
- D-stem
- Š-stem
- N-stem

## **Week 4**

### Monday-Friday

- Text reading and workshops