ANCIENT LANGUAGES OF ANATOLIA (ALA)
HITTITE AND AKKADIAN

July 16–August 9, 2019

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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

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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 *ḫi-*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, ašī
- 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 partice –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

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Week 1
Monday
• Introduction
  o Scripts and languages of Mesopotamia
  o (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