

# ELEMENTARY AKKADIAN AND A HISTORY OF ANCIENT MESOPOTAMIAN LITERATURE 1

**Vakcode:**

[L\\_ABAOHW103](#)

**Periode:**

Periode 4

**Credits:**

6.0

**Voertaal:**

Engels

**Faculteit:**

Faculteit der Geesteswetenschappen

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**Lesmethode(n):**

Hoorcollege, Werkcollege

**Niveau:**

100

## DOEL VAK

The course will train students to study languages in a highly structured way and will strengthen the student's

ability to deal easily with English (Latin-based) grammatical terminology. This is an added value because familiarity with this terminology is a prerequisite for using any modern grammar (of any language) on university level. The course is an applied example of an internationalized BA-education, not only because the language of tuition is English, but also because

- a) students will get acquainted with the German academic tradition of Assyriology,
- b) students will discover different (non-European) ways of how languages can work, and
- c) students will discover origins of Jewish and Christian culture but also of social and legal institutions that have remnants in Near Eastern cultures today.

## INHOUD VAK

In Elementary Akkadian and A History of Ancient Mesopotamian Literature 1 students will be introduced to the basic grammar and basic vocabulary of the Old Babylonian dialect of Akkadian, as well as to the cuneiform writing system.

## ONDERWIJSVORM

Lectures, seminars.

## TOETSVORM

Written examination.

## LITERATUUR

John Huehnergard, A Grammar of Akkadian (Harvard Semitic Studies). Atlanta, Georgia.

## VEREISTE VOORKENNIS

None

## DOELGROEP

Students of Oudheidwetenschappen, who specialise in the languages and cultures of the Ancient Near East.

The course is open to all students as an elective.

## OVERIGE INFORMATIE

1. Attendance is compulsory.
2. This course is a prerequisite for Elementary Akkadian and A History of Ancient Mesopotamian Literature 2
3. This course is part of a joined programme by the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU) and the University of Amsterdam (UvA). It is taught a UvA location. For the course schedule see <https://rooster.uva.nl/>