

# Cuneiform (CUNEIF)

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## Courses

### CUNEIF 100A Elementary Akkadian 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2022, Fall 2020

Akkadian was the language of literature, diplomacy, law, commerce, religion, and technical knowledge in Mesopotamia (ancient Iraq). This course offers students the fundamentals in the language and cuneiform script in which the Hammurabi Laws, the Epic of Gilgamesh, the Babylonian Creation, along with many other texts, were written. The study of Akkadian will enable students to read the classics of Akkadian literature and understand the emergence and development of the earliest writing system, cities and states, social and economic structures, and religious beliefs. This course is approved for UC Berkeley majors in Linguistics, as well as filling a requirement for the Near Eastern Civilization major.

#### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** No prerequisites

**Credit Restrictions:** Students will receive no credit for CUNEIF 100A after completing CUNEIF 100B.

#### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Cuneiform/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

### CUNEIF 100B Elementary Akkadian 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2023, Spring 2021

Akkadian was the language of literature, diplomacy, law, commerce, religion, and technical knowledge in Mesopotamia (ancient Iraq). This course offers students the fundamentals in the language and cuneiform script in which the Hammurabi Laws, the Epic of Gilgamesh, the Babylonian Creation, along with many other texts, were written. The study of Akkadian will enable students to read the classics of Akkadian literature and understand the emergence and development of the earliest writing system, cities and states, social and economic structures, and religious beliefs. This course is approved for UC Berkeley majors in Linguistics and for the Near Eastern Civilization major.

#### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Cuneiform 100A: Elementary Akkadian or consent of instructor

#### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Cuneiform/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

### CUNEIF 101A Selected Readings in Akkadian 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2025, Fall 2023, Fall 2021

In each semester of this course, the student who has completed the first year of the study of Akkadian will read a variety of texts in the cuneiform script either of the Old Babylonian or the Neo-Assyrian periods. In any semester, the texts to be read may be drawn from a variety of text genres: legal, mythological, historical, prayer, etc., but each semester will focus on only one genre.

#### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 100A-100B or consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

#### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Cuneiform/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Instructor:** 100A-100B-100C.

### CUNEIF 101B Selected Readings in Akkadian 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2024, Spring 2022, Spring 2020

In each semester of this course, the student who has completed the first year of the study of Akkadian will read a variety of texts in the cuneiform script either of the Old Babylonian or the Neo-Assyrian periods. In any semester, the texts to be read may be drawn from a variety of text genres: legal, mythological, historical, prayer, etc., but each semester will focus on only one genre.

#### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 100A-100B or consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

#### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

#### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Cuneiform/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

**Instructor:** 100A-100B-100C.

## CUNEIF 102A Elementary Sumerian 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Fall 2017

Introduction to Sumerian grammar and writing.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Background in German and French recommended

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Cuneiform/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## CUNEIF 102B Elementary Sumerian 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2018, Spring 2016

Introduction to Sumerian grammar and writing.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Background in German and French recommended

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Cuneiform/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam required.

## CUNEIF 103A Selected Readings in Sumerian 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2024, Fall 2022, Fall 2020

Reading of texts selected for clarity of script, simplicity of vocabulary, and historical and cultural significance.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 102A-102B

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Cuneiform/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

## CUNEIF 103B Selected Readings in Sumerian 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2025, Spring 2023, Spring 2017

Reading of texts selected for clarity of script, simplicity of vocabulary, and historical and cultural significance.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 102A-102B

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Cuneiform/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

## CUNEIF 106A Elementary Hittite 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2013, Fall 2008, Fall 2001

Introduction to Cuneiform Hittite language and grammar with reading of selected historical and religious texts.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Background in German and French recommended

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Cuneiform/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

## CUNEIF 106B Elementary Hittite 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2009, Spring 2002, Spring 2000

Introduction to Cuneiform Hittite language and grammar with reading of selected historical and religious texts.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Background in German and French recommended

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Cuneiform/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Letter grade. Final exam not required.

## CUNEIF H195 Senior Honors 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017

Directed study centered upon preparation of an honors thesis.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Limited to senior honors candidates

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 4 units.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Cuneiform/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

## CUNEIF 198 Directed Group Study for Upper Division Students 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Instruction in areas not covered by regularly scheduled courses.

### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Cuneiform/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

## CUNEIF 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017

Enrollment is restricted by regulations shown in the .

### Rules & Requirements

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Cuneiform/Undergraduate

**Grading/Final exam status:** Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

## CUNEIF 200A Advanced Akkadian 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2020, Fall 2019

Reading of a variety of genres of Akkadian documents and literature.

Texts selected are based on the individual needs of participating students.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 101A-101B

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Cuneiform/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

## CUNEIF 200B Advanced Akkadian 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Spring 2019

Reading of a variety of genres of Akkadian documents and literature.

Texts selected are based on the individual needs of participating students.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** 101A-101B

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Cuneiform/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.

## CUNEIF 298 Seminar 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Fall 2019

Special topics in Cuneiform. Topics vary and are announced at the beginning of each semester.

### Rules & Requirements

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

**Repeat rules:** Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

### Hours & Format

**Fall and/or spring:** 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

### Additional Details

**Subject/Course Level:** Cuneiform/Graduate

**Grading:** Letter grade.