



AHIS1150

Hieroglyphic Egyptian A

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School of Humanities

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General Information

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10

Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit introduces students to Middle Egyptian, the classical language of Ancient Egypt. This was the language of the Middle Kingdom and the early New Kingdom but it remained in use in religious and literary texts until Late Antiquity. The understanding of Middle Egyptian is essential to earlier and later stages of this language.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- ULO1:** Recognize, memorize and recall Egyptian script, phonetic structures and foundational Egyptian vocabulary
- ULO2:** Identify and recall Egyptian grammatical structures at elementary level
- ULO3:** Assess the grammar required for the translation of simple Egyptian texts
- ULO4:** Apply relevant grammatical and lexical reference tools
- ULO5:** Recall and apply linguistic metalanguage
- ULO6:** Integrate knowledge of grammar and vocabulary in translating, reading and/or writing simple Egyptian texts
- ULO7:** Reflect and comment on the significance of hieroglyphic Egyptian for the study of

relevant ancient cultures

General Assessment Information

Guidelines for preparing the assessment tasks as well as assessment criteria are available on iLearn. The assessment tasks are compulsory in this unit. Each assessment task has a due date and students are expected to submit their work on time.

Late Assessment Submission Penalty

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a 5% penalty (of the total possible mark) will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a mark of '0' (zero) will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at 11.55pm. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical issue.

*This late penalty will apply to written reports and recordings only. **Late submission of time sensitive tasks** (such as tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, scheduled practical assessments/labs **will be addressed by the unit convenor in a Special consideration application.***

Please note that grading decisions for each assessment task will be moderated against the set criteria and standards before task results are released.

The grade a student receives will signify their overall performance in meeting the learning outcomes of a unit of study. Grades will not be awarded by reference to the achievement of other students nor allocated to fit a predetermined distribution. In determining a grade, due weight will be given to the learning outcomes and level of a unit (ie 100, 200, 300, 800 etc). Graded units will use the following grades: HD High Distinction 85–100 D Distinction 75–84 Cr Credit 65–74 P Pass 50–64 F Fail 0–49.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Grammar Quiz 1	30%	No	04/05/2025
Grammar Quiz 2	30%	No	25/05/2025
Final Quiz	40%	No	09/06/2025

Grammar Quiz 1

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 3 hours

Due: **04/05/2025**

Weighting: **30%**

Students transliterate, translate and demonstrate their understanding of the hieroglyphic script and elementary level sentence structures. The Test provides the opportunity for thorough revision and consolidation of the weekly content up to the time of the tests.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Recognize, memorize and recall Egyptian script, phonetic structures and foundational Egyptian vocabulary
- Identify and recall Egyptian grammatical structures at elementary level
- Assess the grammar required for the translation of simple Egyptian texts
- Apply relevant grammatical and lexical reference tools
- Recall and apply linguistic metalanguage
- Integrate knowledge of grammar and vocabulary in translating, reading and/or writing simple Egyptian texts
- Reflect and comment on the significance of hieroglyphic Egyptian for the study of relevant ancient cultures

Grammar Quiz 2

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 3 hours

Due: **25/05/2025**

Weighting: **30%**

Students transliterate, translate and demonstrate their understanding of the hieroglyphic script and elementary level sentence structures. The Test provides the opportunity for thorough revision and consolidation of the weekly content up to the time of the tests.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Recognize, memorize and recall Egyptian script, phonetic structures and foundational Egyptian vocabulary
- Identify and recall Egyptian grammatical structures at elementary level
- Assess the grammar required for the translation of simple Egyptian texts
- Apply relevant grammatical and lexical reference tools
- Recall and apply linguistic metalanguage
- Integrate knowledge of grammar and vocabulary in translating, reading and/or writing simple Egyptian texts

- Reflect and comment on the significance of hieroglyphic Egyptian for the study of relevant ancient cultures

Final Quiz

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 3 hours

Due: **09/06/2025**

Weighting: **40%**

Students are tested on the knowledge of the hieroglyphic script, vocabulary, syntax and grammar they have built, practiced and consolidated in the course of the unit. They demonstrate their ability to transliterate and translate text and understand cultural context.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Recognize, memorize and recall Egyptian script, phonetic structures and foundational Egyptian vocabulary
- Identify and recall Egyptian grammatical structures at elementary level
- Assess the grammar required for the translation of simple Egyptian texts
- Apply relevant grammatical and lexical reference tools
- Recall and apply linguistic metalanguage
- Integrate knowledge of grammar and vocabulary in translating, reading and/or writing simple Egyptian texts
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¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

The unit is taught in two parts, a one-hour block and a two-hour block per week. Each of these sessions will take place in person and will also be recorded and made available the same day on the iLearn site over the Echo360 portal. It is necessary to attend or listen to both every week.

All relevant study materials, exercises and practice opportunities are offered through **iLearn**: <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/>.

Students are required to access the online unit in iLearn **at the beginning of Week 1 at the very latest** and follow any relevant instructions and links for downloads that may be required. • For central technical support go to: <https://students.mq.edu.au/support/technology/service-desk> • For student quick guides on the use of iLearn in general go to: <https://students.mq.edu.au/support/technology/systems/ilearn> •

Active and regular engagement with the iLearn website is **essential** to successfully complete the unit. Discussion of items not covered in class can be conducted online via the **Announcements** and **Discussion Forum** on the unit's iLearn site. Students are expected to complete the homework exercises set in preparation for each class. This will enable them to participate actively in class, get feedback on what they have prepared, ask pertinent questions, and integrate the new topics into an increasingly solid foundation.

All **tests** (five Vocabulary Tests, two Grammar Quizzes, one Revision Test and one Final Test) will be conducted **via the iLearn website**. The Final Test takes place on a single day after the end of Session 1 (see the Unit Guide), but all other assessment items can be completed any time within the scheduled week.

Students are required to have regular access to a computer and the internet. Mobile devices alone are not sufficient. External students are required to work through the recordings and the accompanying exercises and practice material as directed. For students attending classes on campus we strongly encourage that you bring along your own laptop computer, ready to work with activities set for the unit.

The **textbook** is B. G. Ockinga, *Concise Grammar of Middle Egyptian*, 4th edition (2024). Instructions for its purchase are on the iLearn site.

The various sections of the textbook contain all the materials you will need to successfully study Hieroglyphic Egyptian in AHIS1150 (Grammar, Vocabulary, Exercises, Reading Exercises, Sign List, Indices). It is also the essential reference work for the other language units taught: AHIS2150, AHIS3150 and AHIS3102 (Hieroglyphic Egyptian B, C and D).

Students who wish to continue with Egyptian studies can also consult other works, available in digital format on iLearn. These, however, are not necessary for Hieroglyphic Egyptian A:

A. H. Gardiner, *Egyptian Grammar* 3rd ed. (Oxford, 1957 & reprints)

R.O. Faulkner, *A Concise Dictionary of Middle Egyptian* (Oxford, 1962 & reprints).

A **transliteration keyboard** that can be used in iLearn and other platforms, which was developed by David Chapman, a Macquarie student, is available on iLearn to download with instructions on how to install it. The keyboard font can be used when doing assignments and translation tests, but it should not be used for vocabulary tests (for this, Codage should be used, which will be explained in class and on iLearn).

Unit Schedule

Week	Topic	Textbook chapters	Due dates
1	Introduction to the unit Principles of the script (1): phonograms, logograms, determinatives/classifiers and principles of transliteration	§§1–13	----
2	Principles of the script (2) phonetic complements and honorific transposition Parts of Speech (POS) Nouns (1): Masculine, feminine, singular, plural, dual	§§1–17	----
3	Nouns (2): Direct and indirect genitive, coordination, adjectives	§§18–25	----
4	More with adjectives (nisbe, nfr-?r), numbers and dates	§§22–25, 39–41	----
5	Prepositions, suffix pronouns and demonstrative pronouns	§§26–38	----
6	Non-verbal sentences (1): Adverbial sentences	§§42–47	Trial Quiz 1 – ungraded
7	Non-verbal sentences (2): Nominal sentences	§§48–55	----
<i>Semester break – time for revision (2 weeks)</i>			
8	Non-verbal sentences (3): Adjectival sentences, Expressions of possession	§§56–59, 116	Grammar Quiz 1
9	Verbal sentences (1): Introduction to verbs (verb classes, tense – aspect – mood (TAM), transitivity) The imperative mood	§§60–67	----
10	Verbal sentences (2): Complex verb form for present/imperfective (i?w(?f) s?m?f) = Complex Aorist I	§§68–69, 88–90, 92, 95, 97, 117	----
11	Verbal sentences (3): Complex verb form for past/perfective (i?w s?m.n?f) Verbal sentences (3): The Future tense (s?m.w/y?f)	§§74, 88–91, 95, 97, 117	Grammar Quiz 2
12	Verbal sentences (4): Subjunctive mood (s?m?f), main clause and nominal use	§§71, 75, 117	----

13	Revision		----
Week after			Final Test

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit connect.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe [academic integrity](#) – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free [online writing an](#)

[d maths support](#), [academic skills development](#) and [wellbeing consultations](#).

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Academic Success

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- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

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Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) including:

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- Mental health [support](#)
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- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)
- [Student Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via the [Service Connect Portal](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Changes since First Published

Date	Description
26/02/2025	A typo regarding Quiz 2 was corrected (due on the 25th May, not the 25th April). Also, new university policy regarding when the Final Test can take place has led to it being set one day before (due on the 9th June, not the 10th June).

Unit information based on version 2025.04 of the [Handbook](#)