



AHPG862

Egyptian Religious Documents

S1 Evening 2014

Ancient History

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General Information

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Credit points

4

Prerequisites

Admission to MA in Egyptology and (AHPG874 or AHST360)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

A study of original sources in the hieroglyphic script on Egyptian religion. Selections from the Pyramid Texts, the Coffin Texts and the Book of the Dead will be read as well as a number of hymns and prayers. As well as considering their religious content, the grammar, genre and literary structure of the texts will also be analysed,.

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:

Identify and recall ancient Egyptian hieroglyphic script and grammatical structures at advanced level in Old, Middle and Medio-Late Egyptian. Recognize ancient Egyptian vocabulary at an advanced level. Identify theological concepts and literary structures in religious texts of the Old, Middle and New Kingdoms.

Assess the grammar required for the translation of texts appropriate to level of study.

Explore, appraise and apply relevant grammatical, lexical and other reference tools.

Integrate knowledge of vocabulary, grammar and literary form in reading religious texts.

Analyse the significance of languages for the study of ancient Egyptian religion. Analyse and interpret the theological concepts expressed in the texts.

Assessment Tasks

| Name | Weighting | Due |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Class Participation | 20% | Every week |
| Essay | 40% | May 16, 2014 |
| Exam | 40% | July 8, 2014 |

Class Participation

Due: **Every week**

Weighting: **20%**

Students will be required to prepare translations of the texts to be studied in class, to attend all classes and to participate in the translation, analysis and interpretation of the texts read.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Identify and recall ancient Egyptian hieroglyphic script and grammatical structures at advanced level in Old, Middle and Medio-Late Egyptian. Recognize ancient Egyptian vocabulary at an advanced level. Identify theological concepts and literary structures in religious texts of the Old, Middle and New Kingdoms.
- Assess the grammar required for the translation of texts appropriate to level of study. Explore, appraise and apply relevant grammatical, lexical and other reference tools.
- Integrate knowledge of vocabulary, grammar and literary form in reading religious texts. Analyse the significance of languages for the study of ancient Egyptian religion. Analyse and interpret the theological concepts expressed in the texts.

Essay

Due: **May 16, 2014**

Weighting: **40%**

Students will write an essay of ca. 3000 words on a given ancient Egyptian religious text. The essay will require the transliteration and translation of the hieroglyphic text, a commentary on given points of grammar and a commentary on the text's theological content, literary structure and literary tradition.

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Exam

Due: **July 8, 2014**

Weighting: **40%**

The exam will be held in the first week of the recess. There will be two texts (one seen and one unseen) to transliterate and translate, with comments on grammar and historical / religious content. Students will be allowed to use an Egyptian grammar and dictionary.

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Delivery and Resources

Delivery: classes will be held on-campus at North Ryde.

Times and location for campus Lectures: for current updates, lecture times and classrooms please consult the MQ Timetables website: www.timetables.mq.edu.au

This unit uses iLearn. All students have access to the unit's iLearn site.

All students are expected to prepare for, attend and actively participate in classes. Preparation for classes involves preparing translations of the texts to be worked through in class and doing the background reading set.

A PDF of the texts that will be studied is available on the unit's iLearn site.

Students will need to have access to R.O. Faulkner's *Concise Dictionary of Middle Egyptian* and A.H. Gardiner's *Middle Egyptian Grammar*.

Unit Schedule

Each class will involve the transliteration, translation and discussion of an ancient Egyptian religious text. The following texts will be read:

Pyramid Texts Spell 264

Pyramid Texts Spell 270

Coffin Texts Spell 1130

Book of the Dead Chapter 30

Stele of Amenmose with hymn to Osiris (Louvre C286)

The Great Hymn to the Aten (Tomb of Ay, Amarna)

Stele of Nebre (Berlin 20377)

Background readings from the secondary literature will also be set for the various texts.

Learning and Teaching Activities

Class preparation

Students will prepare translations of the texts to be read in class.

Class participation

In class students will participate in the translation and analysis of texts and be able to control the translations they produced in preparation for the class.

Essay

Students will do intensive work on a specific ancient Egyptian religious text and have the opportunity to apply the skills acquired in class.

Exam

Students will prepare for the exam and thereby consolidate the work done in the course of the semester.

Policies and Procedures

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

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Assessment Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Grievance Management Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html

Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

EXTENSIONS

Extensions for assignments can only be granted for medical reasons or on compassionate grounds. Without documentation (medical or counselling certificates) or prior staff approval, a penalty of 2% a day, including weekends, will be applied. If required, applications for extensions should be made before the assignment's due date.

SUBMISSION OF ASSIGNMENTS

Assignments can be submitted in hard copy through the Arts Student Centre on Level 1, W6A, or electronically through the iLearn site.

COMPLETION OF UNIT

A student is required to achieve an overall mark of 50% or above to complete the unit satisfactorily and to submit all pieces of written work

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/>.

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

Graduate Capabilities

PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills

Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Assessment tasks

- Class Participation
- Essay
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PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

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PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

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PG - Effective Communication

Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

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