

INTRODUCTION TO ANCIENT EGYPTIAN LITERATURE

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The aim of the course is to acquaint students with the most important works of ancient Egyptian literature and their interpretation. The discussions will be based on translations of the works, no prior knowledge of hieroglyphs or ancient Egyptian language is required.

Attestation: Test based on material discussed during the course.

Course plan:

1. Introduction – the nature of ancient Egyptian literature
2. Middle Egyptian stories
3. Late Egyptian stories
4. Stories and “novels” of the Late and Greco-roman periods
5. Borderline literature – biographical texts
- from the Old to the Middle Kingdoms
6. Borderline literature – biographical texts
- from the New Kingdom to the Late Period
7. Didactic literature I
- the Old and Middle Kingdoms
8. Didactic literature II
- from the New Kingdom to the Late Period
9. Religious texts
10. Poetry
11. Royal Inscriptions and texts
12. The legacy of ancient Egyptian literature

Basic literature

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