SOFIA UNIVERSITY ST. KLIMENY OHRIDSKI

Faculty of Classical and Modern Philology

CURRICULUM

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Professional Field: 2.1. Philology

Educational and Qualification Degree: „Master"

Area of Study: Arabic Studies

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/Master's Degree Program: Egyptology (Language and culture of Ancient Egypt)

Form of Study: Full time
Length of Study (number of weeks*/-): 3 semesters

Professional Qualification:
Master in Egyptology

Qualification Description

Master's Degree Program:

1. Aims and Educational Objectives

The Master's Program "Egyptology (Language and Culture of Ancient Egypt)" is the first program in the field of Egyptology at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". It aims to form knowledge and skills in the field of studying the ancient Egyptian language and culture for non-specialists. It is intended for a wide range of candidates holding a bachelor's degree with priority admission for graduates of bachelor's programs in higher education fields 2 (Humanities), 3 (Social, Economic and Legal Sciences) and 8 (Arts), who have interests in the field of Egyptology and the languages and cultures of the ancient Near East related to Semitology. Building on the decades of experience and traditions of the Department of Arabic Studies and Semitology, the Master's program aims to form in students complex academic knowledge and skills in the field of ancient Egyptian languages and scripts, related to the analysis of linguistic, literary and cultural phenomena, as well as abilities for comparative research in the field of classical Oriental studies and ancient Near Eastern cultures. Candidates must have completed higher education with a Bachelor's or Master degree and appear for an interview with a committee, which aims to assess their level and motivation for studying in the Master's program, as well as their interests in the field of Egyptology and the study of ancient Egyptian languages, Semitic scripts and cultures. The ranking is based on a score formed by the assessment from the interview and the arithmetic average of the overall success of the study and the state exam for the Bachelor's degree.

2. Description of the educational content (knowledge and skills required for a successful professional realization; general and theoretical background, specific areas of study, etc.)

The Master's program "Egyptology (Language and Culture of Ancient Egypt)" is designed for students who are interested in studying the languages, history and culture of ancient Eastern civilizations and Ancient Egypt. It provides students with the opportunity to acquire fundamental knowledge of classical ancient Egyptian (Middle Egyptian) language and ancient Egyptian hieroglyphic script, to master basic skills for working with ancient texts in the fields of translation, textual criticism, epigraphy and paleography. The program is strongly interdisciplinary and combines philological training in ancient Egyptian language and the acquisition of textual skills with the study of the history, religion and culture of Ancient Egypt.
The program is three-semester and offers a wide range of mandatory and elective subjects from both the field of Egyptology and other relevant fields related to understanding the cultural context of Ancient Egypt in synchrony and diachrony. The required credits from the elective subjects are collected from a wide range of courses, which also allows for flexibility of the training according to the interests of the specific group of students. The emphasis of the training is the classical ancient Egyptian language (Middle Egyptian). The acquisition of basic knowledge during the two semesters of study in the courses in the ancient Egyptian language is supported by the teaching of disciplines in the field of the study of writings - hieroglyphic and hieratic, as well as disciplines involving translation from the original and commentary on ancient Egyptian works. Students who complete the program achieve a basic level of proficiency in the ancient Egyptian language, allowing them to apply what they have learned to carry out research in the field of literature, religion, culture and history of Ancient Egypt.
At the same time, the program offers students the study of an introductory level of Egyptian Arabic (for students who have not acquired a Bachelor's degree in Arabic Studies) - a competence that enables them to become closely acquainted with the contemporary cultural and social environment in

Egypt as a prerequisite for fieldwork. The third semester, in addition to the preparation of a thesis, provides for opportunities such as Erasmus training and internships, including in the Arab Republic of Egypt. Successful graduation from the program takes place after successfully meeting the criteria for the number of credits and defending a master's thesis. The program is a basis for future specialization of graduates in the field of Egyptology and Semitology at the doctoral level.

3. Professional and general competences, specific competences

Students in the Master's program "Egyptology (Language and Culture of Ancient Egypt)" acquire knowledge in the field of languages and scripts, history and culture of Ancient Egypt, considered in a broad interdisciplinary context, enabling them to develop as highly qualified specialists with research skills in the field of Egyptology. Their competencies are a necessary basis for both fieldwork and continuing their studies at the third level of university education – PhD.

4. Professional realization (according to the National Classification of Occupations in the Republic of Bulgaria /based on the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO)/ and in reference to the place of the future specialists in the National Qualifications Framework for higher education and the European Qualifications Framework for higher education)

Holders of the Master's degree from the Master's program "Egyptology (Language and Culture of Ancient Egypt)" can continue their education in various doctoral programs. Graduates of the program can find professional employment as lecturers in higher education institutions, researchers in research units with a philological and cultural-historical profile, as well as consultants in museums, galleries and libraries or as consultants in the fields of culture, history, philosophy, religious studies, art history, work in the field of cultural tourism, book publishing, etc.

According to the National Classification of Occupations and Positions in the Republic of Bulgaria, graduates of the Master's program "Egyptology (Language and Culture of Ancient Egypt)" can work as:
231 Teachers in higher education institutions
235 Other teachers
2432 Public relations specialists
263 Social sciences and religious specialists
2621 Archivists and curators in libraries, museums and galleries, etc.
264 Writers, journalists and linguists
2641 Writers, editors and related professionals
2642 Journalists
2643 Translators and other linguists
5113 Guide in a museum/art gallery

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Program code

Area of Study "Arabic Studies" / Master's Degree Programme "Egyptology (Language and culture of Ancient Egypt)"

admission winter semester of 2025-26 academic year

№	Course Code	Course Title	Type- C, E, O	Semester	ECTS credits	Classes - total number					Classes per week	Assessment* - e, ca, ce, cont.
						Total	Lectures	Seminars	Practical Classes/ Observation	Self study		
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*	*8*	*9*	*10*	*11*	*12*	*13*
Core Subjects - minimum 34 Credits												
1	C 0 1 0	Classical Egyptian Language - part I	C	1	6	180	60	0	30	90	4+2	e
2	C 0 2 0	History of Ancient Egypt	C	1	4	120	30	0	30	60	2+2	ce
3	C 0 3 0	Religion and Mythology of Ancient Egypt	C	1	3	90	30	0	0	60	2+0	ce
4	C 0 4 0	Literature and culture of Ancient Mesopotamia	C	1	4	120	45	15	0	60	3+1	ce
5	C 0 5 0	Classical Egyptian Language - part II	C	2	6	180	60	0	30	90	4+2	e
6	C 0 6 0	Literature of Ancient Egypt	C	2	4	120	30	0	30	60	2+2	ce
7	C 0 7 0	Egypt and Islam in Near East	C	2	4	120	30	15	0	75	2+1	ce
8	C 0 8 0	Visual culture of Ancient Egypt	C	2	3	90	30	0	0	60	2+0	ce
Elective Courses – the chosen electives have to contribute to minimum 36 Credits												
1	E 0 1 0	Sacred and profane in Arab culture	E	1	4	120	30	15	0	75	2+1	ce
2	E 0 2 0	Religion and Politics in the Arab World	E	1	4	120	30	15	0	75	2+1	ce
3	E 0 3 0	Modern Egypt: Society and Politics	E	2	3	90	30	0	0	60	2+0	ce
4	E 0 4 0	Theory of religions	E	1	2	60	30	0	0	30	2+0	e
5	E 0 5 0	Writing and art in Ancient Egypt	E	1	2	60	30	0	0	30	2+0	ce
6	E 0 6 0	The sacred books of Ancient Egypt	E	1	3	90	30	0	0	60	2+0	ce
7	E 0 7 0	Magic in Ancient Egypt	E	1	3	90	30	0	0	60	2+0	ce
8	E 0 8 0	Astrology and Cosmology in Ancient Egypt	E	2	3	90	30	0	0	60	2+0	ce
9	E 0 9 0	Astrology and Cosmology in the Ancient World	E	2	3	90	30	0	0	60	2+0	ce

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10	E	1	0	0	The idea of immortality in Ancient Egypt	E	2	2	60	30	0	0	30	2+0	ce
11	E	1	1	0	Time, Death, Immortality in Indian Traditional Thought	E	2	3	90	30	0	0	30	2+0	ce
12	E	1	2	0	Basic codes and symbols in traditional Indian culture	E	2	4	120	30	0	0	90	2+0	ce
13	E	1	3	0	The Eastern Mediterranean and the Mycenaean World	E	1,2	3	90	45	0	0	45	3+0	ce
14	E	1	4	0	Culture and religion of Ptolemaic Egypt	E	1,2	2	60	30	0	0	30	2+0	ce
15	E	1	5	0	Ptolemaic Egypt in the dynamics of interstate relations (3rd - 1st century BC)	E	1,2	3	90	45	0	0	45	3+0	ce
16	E	1	6	0	Egypt under Persian rule	E	1,2	3	90	30	0	0	60	2+0	ce
17	E	1	7	0	Introduction to Hieratics	E	2	3	90	30	0	0	60	2+0	ce
18	E	1	8	0	The Age of the Pyramids	E	1,2,3	2	60	30	0	0	30	2+0	ce
19	E	1	9	0	Pyramid Texts	E	1	2	60	30	0	0	30	2+0	ce
20	E	2	0	0	Book of the Dead of the Ancient Egyptians	E	2	3	90	30	0	0	60	2+0	ce
21	E	2	1	0	Aspects of Biblical Archaeology	E	1,2,3	3	90	30	15	0	45	2+1	ce
22	E	2	2	0	Ugaritic language and culture	E	1,2,3	3	90	30	15	0	45	2+1	ce
23	E	2	3	0	Coptic Egypt	E	1	3	90	30	0	0	60	2+0	ce
24	E	2	4	0	Africa and Ancient Egypt	E	1,2,3	3	90	30	0	0	60	2+0	ce
25	E	2	5	0	Translation and commentary of ancient Egyptian texts	E	3	5	150	0	0	60	90	0+4	ce
26	E	2	6	0	Problems of Semitology	E	1	3	90	30	0	0	60	2+0	ce
27	E	2	7	0	Egyptian Arabic dialect	E	2	3	90	30	15	0	45	2+1	ce

Optional courses - minimum number of ..... Credits

1	O	0	1	1	Bulgarian as a foreign language, part I	O	1	4	120	0	0	60	60	0+4	e
2	O	0	1	2	Bulgarian as a foreign language, part II	O	2	4	120	0	0	60	60	0+4	e
3	O	0	1	3	Bulgarian as a foreign language, part III	O	3	4	120	0	0	60	60	0+4	e

Internships

№	code	Internship	Type- C, E, O	Semester	ECTS credits	weeks	hours	Форма на контрол* - и, то, ки
	I 0 1 0	Internship	C	3	5	5	150	то

Degree Completion

Form of degree completion	ECTS credits	First State Exam Session	Second State Exam Session

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Defence of an Master's thesis	15	april	octomber

The curriculum has been approved by the Faculty Council, Record of Proceedings № 10 from 10/06/2025

DEAN:.....
prof. Gergana Petkova, PhD

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Curriculum Reference Statement

Area of Study "Arabic Studies" / Master's Degree Programme "Egyptology (Language and culture of Ancient Egypt)"
form of study - full-time, length of study 3 Semesters

Course hours, ECTS credits and number of grades per semester

Type of courses	I			II			III			IV			V			VI			VII			VIII			IX			X			Общо		
	course hours	ECTS credits	number of grades	course hours	ECTS credits	number of grades	course hours	ECTS credits	number of grades	course hours	ECTS credits	number of grades	course hours	ECTS credits	number of grades	course hours	ECTS credits	number of grades	course hours	ECTS credits	number of grades	course hours	ECTS credits	number of grades	course hours	ECTS credits	number of grades	course hours	ECTS credits	number of grades	course hours	ECTS credits	number of grades
compulsory courses	240	17	4	225	17	4	0	0	0																						465	34	8
min. elective courses	150	13	5	150	13	5	120	10	3																						420	36	13
optional courses																																	
internships	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	5	1																						150	5	1
Total:	390	30	9	375	30	9	270	15	4																						1035	75	22

Form of degree completion	ECTS credits	Study Hours	First State Exam session	Second State Exam Session
Defence of an Master's thesis	15	450	april	octomber

Acquired Professional Qualification Master of Egyptology

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Dean:
prof. Gergana Petkova