

Term Information

Effective Term Spring 2015

General Information

Course Bulletin Listing/Subject Area	Near Eastn Lang and Cultures
Fiscal Unit/Academic Org	Near Eastern Languages/Culture - D0554
College/Academic Group	Arts and Sciences
Level/Career	Graduate, Undergraduate
Course Number/Catalog	5126
Course Title	Syriac II
Transcript Abbreviation	Syriac II
Course Description	Continuation from introduction to Syriac (Syriac I)
Semester Credit Hours/Units	Fixed: 3

Offering Information

Length Of Course	14 Week, 12 Week (May + Summer)
Flexibly Scheduled Course	Never
Does any section of this course have a distance education component?	No
Grading Basis	Letter Grade
Repeatable	No
Course Components	Seminar
Grade Roster Component	Seminar
Credit Available by Exam	No
Admission Condition Course	No
Off Campus	Never
Campus of Offering	Columbus

Prerequisites and Exclusions

Prerequisites/Corequisites	Prereq: 5121
Exclusions	

Cross-Listings

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Subject/CIP Code

Subject/CIP Code	16.1103
Subsidy Level	Doctoral Course
Intended Rank	Junior, Senior, Masters, Doctoral

Requirement/Elective Designation

The course is an elective (for this or other units) or is a service course for other units

Course Details

Course goals or learning objectives/outcomes

- Students will have a greatly increased speed and comprehension of the language
- Students will have acquired a substantially increased recognition vocabulary in the language
- Students will be familiar with a range of literary genres in Syriac and will have experience in reading texts as preserved in ancient manuscripts
- Students will be accustomed to using the fundamental research tools for Syriac studies

Content Topic List

- Vocabulary
- Grammar
- Syntax
- Literature
- Manuscripts

Attachments

- OSU Syllabus Syriac II 2.24.14.docx

(Syllabus. Owner: Acome,Justin)

Comments

- Sent back at department's request. (by Vankeerbergen,Bernadette Chantal on 08/05/2014 12:34 PM)

Workflow Information

Status	User(s)	Date/Time	Step
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Syriac II

NELC 5126 (3 Units)

Prerequisite: NELC 5125 (Syriac I) or permission of instructor

Meetings: MWF 9:10-10:05 am, **Location:** TBA

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Continuing from “Syriac I,” which introduced the grammar and basic vocabulary of Syrian Aramaic, this course has two components: 1) intensive practice of reading Syriac prose and poetry from a variety of periods and genres, including philosophical prose, verse homilies, and historical narratives; 2) a hands-on introduction to research tools available for the study of Syriac tradition, including encyclopedias, lexica, editions, series of studies, etc.

Weekly lessons outline the history of Syriac culture from antiquity to the Middle Ages, focusing on the efflorescence of Syriac literary production (roughly the third to the eighth century).

Course Books (available at SBX):

- ♦ Theodor Nöldeke, *Compendious Syriac Grammar*, trans. J.A. Crichton, Williams & Norgate, 1904 (reprint with Appendix by Eisenbrauns, 2004).
- ♦ J. Payne Smith, *A Compendious Syriac Dictionary*, Oxford, 1903.
- ♦ Course reader, available from the NELC department

GRADING:

100 points possible (A = 93-107, A- = 90-92, B+ = 87-89, B = 83-86, B- = 80-82, C+ = 77-79, C = 73-76, C- = 70-72, D+ = 67-69, D = 63-66, D- = 60-62, E = 0-59)

20 pts. Monday quizzes (vocabulary, geography, names, 2 pts. per quiz)

20 pts. Homework (assigned from lessons in textbook)

20 pts. In-class exercises

20 pts. Midterm exam

20 pts. Final exam

Note: Regardless of your point total, you must pass the final to pass the class!

Course Outcomes

Students begin the course having already learned the basics of Syriac grammar. By the end of this course, students will have a greatly increased speed and comprehension of the language and will have acquired a substantially increased recognition vocabulary in the language. Students will become familiar with a range of literary genres in Syriac and will have experience in reading texts

as preserved in ancient manuscripts. Students will be accustomed to using the fundamental research tools for Syriac studies.

Academic Misconduct

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term “academic misconduct” includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed ; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. Instructors shall report all instances of alleged academic misconduct to the committee (Faculty Rule 3335-5-487). For additional information, see the Code of Student Conduct (<http://studentlife.osu.edu/csc/>).”

Class Attendance Policy

Students should plan to attend all classes. 20% of the grade is based on in-class exercises, and students who miss classes will miss lose points in this category.

Disability policy

Students with disabilities that have been certified by the Office for Disability Services will be appropriately accommodated and should inform the instructor as soon as possible of their needs. The Office for Disability Services is located in 150 Pomerene Hall, 1760 Neil Avenue; telephone 292-3307, TDD 292-0901; <http://www.ods.ohio-state.edu/>.

SCHEDULE (subject to changes!):

Week 1 (Jan 10, 12): Readings in the Old Syriac Gospels.

Week 2 (Jan 17 No meeting; Jan 19): Old Syriac Gospels concluded.

Week 3 (Jan 24, 26): Chronicle of Edessa, excerpt.

Week 4 (Jan 31, Feb 2): Chronicle of Edessa, excerpt continued.

Week 5 (Feb 7, 9): Life of Symeon the Stylite

Week 6 (Feb 14, 16): Life of Symeon the Stylite continued.

Week 7 (Feb 21 No meeting; Feb 23): Midterm Exam This Week!

Week 8 (Feb 28; March 2): Life of Symeon the Stylite continued.

Week 9 (March 7, 9): Life of Symeon the Stylite continued..

Week 10 (March 21, 23): Jacob of Serug, “On the Fall of the Idols.”

Week 11 (March 28, 30): Jacob of Serug continued.

Week 12 (April 4, 6): Jacob of Serug continued.

Week 13 (April 11, 13): Jacob of Serug continued.

Week 14 (April 18, 20): Jacob of Serug continued.

Week 15 (April 25, 27): Syriac document.

Final Exam: as scheduled in the regular classroom