

## **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 NELC 5125 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: 5125, or permission of instructor
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)
- NELC 5126 10.14.14.docx: 2nd syllabus  
(Syllabus. Owner: Acome,Justin)

## Comments

- - course does not fulfill any undergraduate requirements and does not appear on any undergraduate plan curriculum maps;  
- revised syllabus attached, correcting math for grading scheme, removing D- grade option, and expanding weekly schedule to include all readings and assignments (by Acome,Justin on 10/15/2014 10:40 AM)
- See 10-14-14 e-mail to M. Swartz and J. Acome. (by Vankeerbergen,Bernadette Chantal on 10/14/2014 11:01 AM)

## Workflow Information

Status	User(s)	Date/Time	Step
Submitted	Acome,Justin	04/17/2014 04:44 PM	Submitted for Approval
Approved	Acome,Justin	04/17/2014 04:44 PM	Unit Approval
Approved	Heyssel,Garett Robert	04/17/2014 05:48 PM	College Approval
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Submitted	Acome,Justin	08/05/2014 02:18 PM	Submitted for Approval
Approved	Acome,Justin	08/05/2014 02:18 PM	Unit Approval
Approved	Heyssel,Garett Robert	08/26/2014 11:04 AM	College Approval
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Pending Approval	Nolen,Dawn Vankeerbergen,Bernadette Chantal Hanlin,Deborah Kay Jenkins,Mary Ellen Bigler Hogle,Danielle Nicole	10/24/2014 05:56 PM	ASCCAO Approval



## **Syriac II**

### **NELC 5126 (3 Units)**

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

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

**Kevin van Bladel**

**Office Hours:** Hagerty Hall 300G, M1-2pm and by appt.

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#### **Course Books (available at SBX):**

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- ◆ J. Payne Smith, *A Compendious Syriac Dictionary*, Oxford, 1903.
- ◆ Course reader, available from the NELC department

#### **GRADING:**

**100 points possible (A = 93-100, 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 = 60-6, E = 0-59)**

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20 pts. Midterm exam

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### **SCHEDULE (subject to changes!):**

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

Matthew 11:27-30, 7: 24-27.

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

Matthew 20: 1-16, Luke 2: 1-20.

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

Edition of I. Guidi (1960): pages 1-4.

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

Edition of I. Guidi (1960): pages 5-9.

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

Edition of P. Bedjan, *Acta Martyrum et Sanctorum* vol. 4, pp. 507-514.

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

Edition of P. Bedjan, *Acta Martyrum et Sanctorum* vol. 4, pp. 515-531.

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

Edition of P. Bedjan, *Acta Martyrum et Sanctorum* vol. 4, pp. 531-555.

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

Edition of P. Bedjan, *Acta Martyrum et Sanctorum* vol. 4, pp. 556-575.

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

Edition of P. Bedjan, *Acta Martyrum et Sanctorum* vol. 4, pp. 575-590.

**Week 10 (March 21, 23): Jacob of Serug, “On the Fall of the Idols.” Introduction to Syriac prosody and meter.**

M. l’Abbé Martin (ed.), “Discours de Jacques de Seroug sur la chute des idoles,” *ZDMG* 29 (1876): 107-147. For this week: pp. 108-110.

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

M. l’Abbé Martin (ed.), “Discours de Jacques de Seroug sur la chute des idoles,” *ZDMG* 29 (1876): 107-147. For this week: pp. 110-112.

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

M. l’Abbé Martin (ed.), “Discours de Jacques de Seroug sur la chute des idoles,” *ZDMG* 29 (1876): 107-147. For this week: pp. 112-118.

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

M. l’Abbé Martin (ed.), “Discours de Jacques de Seroug sur la chute des idoles,” *ZDMG* 29 (1876): 107-147. For this week: pp. 118-124.

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

M. l’Abbé Martin (ed.), “Discours de Jacques de Seroug sur la chute des idoles,” *ZDMG* 29 (1876): 107-147. For this week: pp. 124-129.

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

Reading facsimile of P. Dura 28, deed of sale of a slave.

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