

# HIEROGLYPHIC EGYPTIAN (HIERO)

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## **HIERO 1450 - Ancient Egyptian I: Introduction to Middle Egyptian Hieroglyphs (3 Credits)**

Crosslisted with CLASS 1450

From ca. 2100 BC to the Roman era, hieroglyphs representing the Middle Egyptian language were inscribed on texts, objects and architecture. In this initial course students learn how the language was written and how it worked, including how words were written and how sentences were constructed with and without verbs. Along the way we will be reading short excerpts from Egyptian texts as part of the textbook's exercises, emphasizing grammar rather than textual or thematic analysis. The student who completes this and the second course that focuses on the verbal system will be well-equipped to pursue detailed study of Egyptian classics such as The Eloquent Peasant, Tale of Sinuhe, and Book of the Dead, as well as shorter inscriptions found on objects and monuments.

**Exploratory Studies:** (CU-ITL); (AFAREA)

**Last Four Terms Offered:** Fall 2024, Fall 2022, Spring 2014, Fall 2009

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## **HIERO 1451 - Ancient Egyptian II: Introduction to Middle Egyptian Hieroglyphs (3 Credits)**

Crosslisted with CLASS 1451

A continuation of HIERO 1450. For over two thousand years, from the Middle Kingdom (ca. 2100 BCE) into the Roman era, Egyptian monuments were inscribed with hieroglyphs of the Middle Egyptian writing system. Students will continue to learn the complete Middle Egyptian verbal system and continue to enrich their Egyptian vocabulary. We will also continue translating complete literary and religious texts, including the fantastic tale of a sailor's maritime misadventures and divine encounters (The Shipwrecked Sailor) and a hymn in honor of the sun god (The Litany of Re).

**Prerequisites:** HIERO 1450.

**Distribution Requirements:** (ALC-AS), (CA-AG, LA-AG), (OCL-IL)

**Exploratory Studies:** (CU-ITL); (AFAREA)

**Last Four Terms Offered:** Spring 2025, Spring 2023, Fall 2014, Spring 2010

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## **HIERO 1452 - Hieroglyphic Egyptian III (3 Credits)**

Crosslisted with CLASS 1452

Ancient Egyptian civilization produced an extensive, diverse, and profound body of literature, including adventure stories, historical accounts, royal inscriptions, religious hymns, love poetry, satire, wisdom texts, biographies, and more. In this third of three courses in Middle Egyptian, students read a selection of primary texts in hieroglyphs as well as secondary literature pertaining to the original texts. These texts will be used as windows onto the ancient Egyptian world, providing important evidence on many different aspects of ancient society, history, politics, and religion. Primary texts will also be selected based on the research interests of enrolled students.

**Prerequisites:** HIERO 1451 or permission of instructor.

**Distribution Requirements:** (ALC-AS), (CA-AG, LA-AG)

**Exploratory Studies:** (CU-ITL)

**Last Four Terms Offered:** Fall 2023

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