EGYPTIAN (EGYP)

EGYP 110a, Introduction to Classical Hieroglyphic Egyptian I  Lingxin Zhang
Introduction to the language of ancient pharaonic Egypt (Middle Egyptian) and its hieroglyphic writing system, with short historical, literary, and religious texts. Grammatical analysis with exercises in reading, translation, and composition.  L1

EGYP 120b, Introduction to Classical Hieroglyphic Egyptian II  Lingxin Zhang
Continuation of EGYP 110. Prerequisite: EGYP 110.  L2  RP

* EGYP 128b / AFST 128b / ARCG 128b / NELC 129b / RLST 251b, Magic and Ritual in Ancient Egypt and the Near East  John Darnell
Introduction to ancient Egyptian magic and rituals with an overview on the use of magic and discussion of the different rituals and festivals attested in Ancient Egypt and the Near East.  HU

* EGYP 131a, Intermediate Egyptian I: Literary Texts  John Darnell
This course engages in close reading of Middle Egyptian literary texts in hieroglyphic transcription, along with an introduction to the hieratic (cursive) Egyptian script of the original sources. Primary sources include the Middle Kingdom stories, principally those known by the modern titles “The Story of Sinuhe” and “The Tale of the Eloquent Peasant.” Assigned secondary literature includes reviews of grammatical topics in Middle Egyptian and analyses of the cultural, religious, and historical context of the literary texts. We also read portions of texts from other genres—historical, administrative, etc.—that serve to illuminate concepts and practices appearing in the literary compositions. Prerequisite: EGYP 120 or permission of instructor.  L3

* EGYP 137a / RLST 423a, Gnostic Texts in Coptic  Staff
Reading, translation, and analysis of Gnostic and Valentinian literature from Nag Hammadi, in several dialects of Coptic. Prerequisite: EGYP 127 or equivalent. Counts as L4 if taken after EGYP 147 or equivalent.  L3

* EGYP 141b, Intermediate Egyptian: Historical Texts  Lingxin Zhang
Close reading of Middle Egyptian historical texts in original hieroglyphic and hieratic script. Initial survey of ancient Egyptian historiography and grammatical forms peculiar to this genre of text. Prerequisite: EGYP 120. Counts as L4 if taken after EGYP 131.  L3  RP

* EGYP 147b / RLST 422b, Egyptian Monastic Literature in Coptic  Stephen Davis
Readings in the early Egyptian classics of Christian asceticism in Sahidic Coptic, including the desert Fathers and Shenute. Prerequisite: EGYP 127 or equivalent. Counts as L4 if taken after EGYP 137 or equivalent.  L3

* EGYP 158a, Ancient Egyptian Texts of the First and Second Intermediate Periods  John Darnell
Close readings of ancient Egyptian hieroglyphic and hieratic texts of the First and Second Intermediate Periods. The material includes autobiographical texts, letters, religious texts, documentary and historical texts. The material addresses questions of political and social change, causes and nature of internal and external warfare, the development of self-presentation for both royal and non-royal people, and changes in ancient Egyptian religion. This course requires completion of L1 and L2 Beginning Ancient Egyptian. Ideally, students will have taken at least one semester of L3 and L4 Intermediate Egyptian, although some may be admitted with instructor permission.  L5  RP