EGYPTIAN (EGYP)

EGYP 110a, Introduction to Classical Hieroglyphic Egyptian I  John Darnell
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  John Darnell
Continuation of EGYP 110. Prerequisite: EGYP 110.  L2  RP

* 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  Staff
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

* 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 159a, Abydene Texts  John Darnell
Abydene Texts engages in close reading of a selection of the many texts deriving from
and describing the ancient city of Abydos. The course provides an overview of material
ranging in date from the Protodynastic through the Ramesside Periods, covering over
two millennia of ancient Egyptian history. This class is intended for students who
have completed at least one L3/4 course; if you have not met this prerequisite, please
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