

Introduction to Syriac Language and Literature

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Syriac is a dialect of the Aramaic language spoken by Jesus and his first disciples. It came to be widely used by Christians in antiquity and is still spoken today by Christians in the Near East, in India, and in the worldwide diaspora.

This course will introduce students to Syriac grammar. Readings will include passages from the New Testament and early Christian literature. The course will also introduce important themes and figures of the Syriac Christian tradition.

Tue/Thur 11:30–1:05

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