



## The University of North Carolina's Major in Archaeology

The Bachelor of Arts in Archaeology focuses on the systematic study of the human past through its material remains, by means of the excavation, recovery, and interpretation of artifacts and other associated evidence. Historical, environmental, and comparative components enable the examination of different culture systems through time and space, as well as the reconstruction of past lifeways, and the interpretation of ancient social, political, and economic systems. The geographic scope of the program includes the Americas, Europe and the Mediterranean, Egypt, and the Near East. The educational objective of the program is to provide the student with one component of a liberal arts education — one that draws on both the Social Sciences and the Humanities. It will also effectively prepare students for graduate study in anthropological archaeology, Mediterranean archaeology, museology, and historical preservation; or careers in contract archaeology and cultural resource management.

The Archaeology major requires a minimum of 10 courses (30 hours) with at least 21 hours with a grade C or better. Students must take one course in the *Logic of Archaeological Inference*, two *Archaeological Practice* courses (a lab methods course and a field school), two *Comparative Perspectives* courses, one *Long-Term History* course, one *Topics in Archaeology* course, and three electives. One of the electives may be satisfied by offerings in any of these categories, selected according to the interests of the student. Independent research, directed readings, or honors thesis hours may be substituted for the elective chosen from the course offerings. The other two electives will be in related fields (e.g., geology, history, languages, linguistics, statistics, computer science) subject to approval of the advisor for the major. In choosing their Comparative Perspectives, Long-Term History, and Topics in Archaeology courses, students will be required to select courses from at least two of the participating departments.

Students may count only three introductory-level courses (numbered below 200) toward their major. Subject to the approval of the advisor for the major, students may count graduate seminars towards fulfillment of their Comparative Perspectives, Long-Term History, and Topics in Archaeology or electives requirements. Also subject to the approval of the archaeology major advisor, field schools sponsored by study abroad and/or other universities may be used to fulfill the archaeological practice field experience requirement.

For transfer students, at least half of the coursework in the major must be completed within the curriculum at UNC-CH.

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