



The University of North Carolina's Minor in Archaeology

The Minor in Archaeology, offered through UNC's Curriculum in Archaeology, draws on a number of disciplines and departments—principally Anthropology, Classics, Art, and Religious Studies—in the study of the ancient world, the reconstruction of past lifeways, and the interpretation of ancient social, political, and economic systems. The curriculum is designed to expose students to methods of recovering, documenting, and interpreting material culture, while providing exposure to diverse approaches and theoretical frameworks current in analyses of ancient societies and culture traits. Historical, environmental, and comparative components encourage the examination of attributes of culture systems through time and space. The geographic scope of the program includes North America, Latin America, Europe, Greece, Italy, Anatolia, the eastern Mediterranean, Egypt, and the Near East.

The minor helps prepare students for graduate study in anthropological archaeology, classical archaeology, cultural resource management, and historical preservation. It also provides any student with a strong intellectual interest in archaeology with a structured introduction to this field.

Courses that satisfy requirements of the minor are classified into four main categories.

- *Core courses* offer the basic concepts in the discipline as well as a survey of archaeological theories and methods, including hands-on experience (i.e., through the “field schools,” usually taught during the summer).
- *Comparative courses* offer diverse approaches to understanding long-term human biological, cultural, and social change in ancient times.
- *Area-studies courses* explore cultural patterns within geographic regions or chronological periods.
- *Topical courses* are thematic, representing specialized scientific studies, theoretical concerns, or methodological problems.

The minor consists of five courses: two core courses (no more than one of which can be a field school), one comparative course, one area-studies course, and one topical course. The courses used to satisfy these requirements must come from at least two departments. At least one of the courses used to fulfill the minor's requirements must be numbered 300 or above.

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