Archaeology

Faculty Advisers: TBA

Archaeology is the study of the material remains brought about by or related to past human activity. These material remains, the archaeological record, are the focus of archaeological research. However, research problems, interpretations, and associated analytical approaches vary widely across the many disciplines involved in archaeological research. As such, archaeological research is doubly interdisciplinary: first, archaeologists use perspectives and techniques from fields as diverse as geology, history, geography, biology, physics, art history, and literature, among others; and, second, theoretical approaches range widely across both the humanities and the social sciences. Archaeologists at the University of Chicago work in every part of the world on time periods from those of very early human ancestors to the last several hundred years.

Courses with archaeological content are offered by a number of departments and include theoretical, analytical, and area-specific courses. Students should seek advice from their College adviser and from the faculty counselor in their area of major study in putting together groups of courses. In addition, College students with an interest in archaeology are encouraged to attend the Interdisciplinary Archaeology Workshop.

Faculty


Courses: Anthropology


ANTH 29500/59500. Archaeology Laboratory Practicum. PQ: Consent of instructor. Undergraduates may take the course only once for credit. S. Dawdy. Autumn, Winter, Spring.


ANTH 36400. Archaeological Field Studies: Southwestern Archaeology. PQ: Consent of instructor. Must be taken concurrently with ANTH 36500. Class limited to sixteen students. The class is held in the Middle Rio Grande Valley of New Mexico. M. Lycett. Summer. Not offered 2009–10; will be offered 2010–11.


ANTH 36612. Archaeological Field Studies: Senegal, Reading/Research. PQ: Good reading knowledge of French and consent of instructor. Offered in conjunction with ANTH 36610 and 36611. Class limited to sixteen students. F. Richard. Summer.


Courses: Near Eastern Art and Archaeology

NEAA 20001-20002-20003-20004-20005-20006/30001-30002-30003-30004-30005-30006. Archaeology of the Ancient Near East I, II, III, IV, V, VI. This sequence does not meet the general education requirement in civilization studies. 20001-20002-20003/30001-30002-30003 is offered in even years; 20004-20005-20006/30004-30005-30006 is offered in odd years.


NEAA 20051/30051. Method and Theory in Near Eastern Archaeology. This course is offered in alternate years. Not offered 2009–10; will be offered 2010–11.


NEAA 29700. Reading and Research Course: Near Eastern Art and Archaeology. PQ: Consent of faculty adviser and counselor of undergraduate studies. Students are required to submit the College Reading and Research Course Form. Autumn, Winter, Spring.