Archaeology

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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.

Although the Committee on Archaeology does not offer a concentration in archaeology, 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 concentration 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 21401. The Practice of Anthropology: Logic and Practice of Archaeology. M. Lycett. Not offered 2003-04; will be offered 2004-05.


Near Eastern Art and Archaeology


NEAA 20101-20201-20301-20351-20501/30101-30201-30301-30351-30501. Art and Archaeology of the Near East I, II, III, IV, V. May be taken in sequence or individually. This sequence does not meet the general education requirement in civilization studies.

NEAA 20101/30101. Art and Archaeology of the Near East: Mesopotamia. (=ANST 21601) *Not offered 2003-04; will be offered 2004-05.*


NEAA 20351/30351. Art and Archaeology of the Near East: Anatolia. (=ANST 21604) *Not offered 2003-04; will be offered 2004-05.*

NEAA 20501-30501. Art and Archaeology of the Near East: Islamic Archaeology. (=ANST 21605) *Not offered 2003-04; will be offered 2004-05.*
NEAA 20221-20222-20223/30221-30222-30223. Egyptian Archaeology I, II, III. May be taken in sequence or individually.

NEAA 20221/30222. Egyptian Archaeology I: Old Kingdom to Middle Kingdom. (=ANST 24101) S. Harvey. Spring.


NEAA 20223/30223. Egyptian Archaeology III: Late Period. (=ANST 24103) S. Harvey. Not offered 2003-04; will be offered 2004-05.


NEAA 20523/30523. Islamic Archaeology of Iraq and Iran. D. Whitcomb. Autumn.
