Minor in Archaeology

The Minor in Archaeology is an interdepartmental minor that includes courses from both the Department of Classics, Archaeology, and Religion (CAR) and the Department of Anthropology. This minor focuses on the study of past societies through the analysis of material culture and remains. Students will be exposed to a strong interdisciplinary curriculum that will prepare them to apply archaeological methods and analytic techniques, and to develop the skills that are central to archaeological research in professional contexts across the world. Students will also develop strong critical thinking skills and will be able to form and evaluate scholarly arguments developed by synthesizing various forms of historical and material data. The minor complements many programs of study including anthropology, ancient Mediterranean studies, history, geography, geology, biology, psychology, sociology, foreign languages, and fine arts. Undergraduates will have the ability to engage in study abroad programs, excavations, and research opportunities, which help prepare students for potential careers in cultural and natural resource management, field archaeology, art conservation and historical preservation, museum collections, heritage management, archivism, tourism, and academia. A student wishing to minor in archaeology should contact the Archaeology minor advisor or the Director of Undergraduate Studies for Ancient Mediterranean Studies or Anthropology for an appointment.

Requirements

The Archaeology minor consists of 15 hours of coursework, 9 of which must be at the 2000+ level, with a minimum of 3 hours at the 3000+ level. Students must take a minimum of 6 credit hours in Ancient Mediterranean Studies and 6 credit hours in Anthropology. Students majoring in Ancient Mediterranean Studies or Anthropology may apply no more than nine hours of coursework also approved in their major towards the Archaeology minor.

A minor consists of at least 15 credits, including at least 6 credits numbered 2000 or above, 9 of the required credits must be taken in MU course work. This requirement can be reduced from 9 to 6 at the discretion of an individual department. Students must meet the minimum GPA requirements for a minor, which in no case can be lower than 2.0. In addition, a student cannot receive a grade lower than a C- in any course applied towards a minor in the College. For more information, please see Requirements for Optional Minor (http://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/#requirementsforoptionalminor).

To earn the minor, students must take coursework across three categories as follows:

1. **Minimum one course in Archaeological Method and Theory**
   - AMS 1150: The Archaeology of Ancient Lives 3
   - ANTHRO 2020: Fundamentals of Archaeology with Laboratory 4

2. **Minimum two courses in Archaeological Methods**
   - AMS 2410: Ancient Technology 3
   - AMS 2950: Archaeological Methods 2-6
   - ANTHRO 2800: Introduction to Field Methods in Archaeology 1-6
   - ANTHRO 2825: Analyzing Artifacts 3
   - ANTHRO 3820: Introduction to Archaeological Chemistry 3
   - or CHEM 3820: Introduction to Archaeological Chemistry 3

3. **Minimum of one Topics Course**
   - AMS 3310: Greek Art and Archaeology 3
   - AMS 3410: Roman Art and Archaeology 3
   - AMS 3510: Byzantine and Islamic Art and Archaeology 3
   - AMS 3625: Ancient Medicine 3
   - AMS 4100: Greece: From the Bronze Age to the Byzantine Empire 3
   - AMS 4320: Archaeology of the Aegean Bronze Age 3
   - AMS 4340: Greek Cities and Sanctuaries 3
   - AMS 4350: Greek Pottery 3
   - AMS 4360: Greek Sculpture 3
   - AMS 4420: Minor Arts of Antiquity 3
   - AMS 4460: Roman Sculpture 3
   - AMS 4440: Roman Architecture 3
   - AMS 4490: Late Antique Art and Archaeology 3
   - AMS 4500: Greek and Roman Religion 3
   - AMS 4510: Byzantine Art and Archaeology 3
   - AMS 4520: Art and Archaeology of Early Medieval Europe 3
   - ANTHRO 1200: Significant Discoveries of Archaeology 3
   - ANTHRO 2215: World Archaeology 3
   - ANTHRO 4200: Environment and Archaeology 3
   - ANTHRO 4240: History of Archaeology 3
   - ANTHRO 4280: Archaeology of Magic and Ritual 3
   - ANTHRO 4500: Human Origins 5
   - ANTHRO 4620: North American Archaeology 3
   - ANTHRO 4640: Prehistory of the Greater Southwest 3
   - ANTHRO 4650: Prehistory of Mesoamerica 3
   - ANTHRO 4670: Archaeology of South America 3

* Note: a field methods course (AMS 2950 Archaeological Methods or ANTHRO 2800/ANTHRO 4800) is strongly recommended but not required.