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ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

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Course description and objectives

All archaeologist need to know how to identify an archaeological site, how to start an excavation, as well as the proper method and technique to use.

The aim of this course is to give to the students the proper tools to excavate in different archaeological site using stratigraphic system and how the document and record materials.

Methods

Frontal lectures and practical activities on the field

Knowledge and skills to be achieved

- Methods of excavation
- How to start an excavation
- Drawing architectural features
- Drawing pottery and small finds
- How to write a final report
- How to preserve the material recovered in excavation

Required Readings and materials

Students are required to read the following books:

Excavation in the Near East

Introduction to Archaeology

Introduction to the excavation work

Additional relevant article from:

Journal of *Sumer*

Journal of *Iraq*



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Grade

Evaluation for this course will be based on a midterm, final a term paper and response papers. The grade breakdown is as follows:

The first exam (5%)

The second exam (5%)

Quizzes (5%)

Paper and Presentation (5%)

Attendance and class participation (5%)

The final exam (75%)

Attendance

Attendance to all the classes is strongly recommended.

Calendar

Week	Subject
Week 1	Ancient excavations
Week 2	The scientific and unscientific excavation
Week 3	Types of archaeological sites
Week 4	Methods of excavations
Week 5	Damages in archaeological sites
Week 6	How to individuate archaeological sites
Week 7	The most important features in the archaeological sites
Week 8	Dating archaeological sites
Week 9	Methods of absolute and approximate dating of the sites
Week 10	How to excavate graves
Week 11	Underwater archaeology
Week 12	How to excavate sandy sites
Week 13	How to draw architecture
Week 14	How to draw pottery and small finds
Week 15	How to write a final reports in a scientific way