

Mediterranean Archaeological Field School summer

The 2008 Boston University Mediterranean Archaeological Field School will take place at the site of Torre d'en Galmès on the island of Menorca, Spain. The program will consist of a six-week excavation campaign combined with lectures, laboratory work, and study tours of the island's cultural and historical monuments, as well as relevant ecological and natural sites. Lectures will set Menorca within a larger Mediterranean context, focusing on the island as a crossroads of civilization throughout its history.

Field Work

Participants will excavate a structure built during the late Iron Age Talayotic period, around the third century B.C., and then reused during the Roman occupation of the island. Therefore, the best documented period of the site belongs to the Classical world. Although Menorca underwent significant changes during the Roman period, the island's inhabitants continued to use the settlements with intervening periods of abandonment until the 13th century. The field school will focus on the use of domestic space throughout time, from the Late Iron Age through the Roman period to medieval times. Adaptation and acculturation processes are key to understanding this use of space.

Students will receive an intensive introduction to all aspects of field excavation techniques, from methods of discovery and recovery to documentation, including the creation of site plans and other measured drawings in the field, as well as the use of the Harris Matrix for recording stratigraphy. The seminar will cover fundamental archeological concepts such as paleoethnobotany and geoarchaeology, including site formation processes. In the laboratory component



of the seminar, students will process excavated material and receive training in basic techniques regarding artifact recording and illustration.

Coursework

CAS AR 503 Archaeological Field Methods (4 cr.)

CAS AR 511 The Cultural History of Menorca (4 cr)

Total: 8 credits

Participating Faculty

The program is co-directed by Dr. James Wiseman, Dr. Amalia Pérez-Juez, and Dr. Paul Goldberg. Students can draw on the interdisciplinary expertise of three distinguished faculty members who have decades of field experience.

Housing

Students and staff will stay at a hotel located in the capital city of Mahón, within easy reach of the island's spectacular beaches (www.apartmentosroyal.com).

Admissions

- Undergraduate and graduate students with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (in major and overall)
- No previous field work experience is required.
- Students admitted to the program must be able to engage in fieldwork in hot temperatures for significant periods of time.
- Spanish language skills are not required.

Program Dates

Summer Term: May 23-July 4, 2008

Application Deadline

Summer Term: March 1

Program Cost

Summer 2008 Tuition and Fees: \$6,600

Cost includes tuition, housing, board, field trips, and emergency medical evacuation insurance. **Financial aid is available.**