

Archaeology: Your Passport to a World of Career Options...

Archaeology majors receive broad and deep training in all areas of archaeological research and cultural heritage issues. In addition to the specific skills necessary in our discipline, our courses are designed to provide skills that are valuable in many different fields:


- examine evidence to develop/support hypotheses
- write convincingly, using diverse evidence
- understand the different and the shared aspects of human cultures and their interaction with the world around them
- recognize the importance of cultural heritage and how archaeology, museums, and other aspects of cultural heritage studies play an important role in international relations, territorial claims, nationalistic movements, and other aspects of the modern world.



Many archaeology majors continue their post-BU studies in MA and PhD programs on their way to academic careers in archaeology, while others put their learning and skills to work in rewarding careers at museums, the National Park Service, federal agencies, international NGO's, international art law, and historical site management.

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Archaeology
at Boston University

 College of Arts & Sciences

Boston University is a leading center for the study of archaeology. Our students work closely with faculty in field projects, in analytical labs, and in the classroom, gaining knowledge and expertise that prepares them for a range of career options. The Archaeology Program is a compact, **interdisciplinary** entity, which allows students to easily double major in other fields like anthropology, biology, chemistry, computer science, international relations, history, and more!

Degree Programs:

- **BA:** Study archaeology in a broad range of disciplines, from STEM fields to Anthropology, Art History, and more. Learn excavation techniques through hands-on field schools through BU's Global Programs or through other accredited field school projects.



- **BA/MA:** Begin taking graduate-level courses in your fourth year and complete the MA in your fifth year, saving a full year over traditional MA programs!

- **MA:** Working with faculty, you will complete graduate-level coursework and design and complete an independent research project that focuses on archaeological fieldwork or labwork, a cultural heritage preservation case assessment, or a comparable project that builds on your particular talents and your career interests.



In the Classroom our students study particular archaeological topics (such as the origins of agriculture, the rise of complex societies, or issues in cultural heritage management); technical courses that provide specific training in remote sensing, GIS, and analytical techniques (such as paleobotany, zooarchaeology, ceramics analysis, and bioarchaeology); and area courses devoted to specific world cultures and regions. You will find courses on the early cultures of Mesoamerica, East and Southeast Asia, Egypt and the Middle East, North America, Europe, and the Andes; the paleolithic archaeology of the Old World, historical archaeology of Europe and the US, and much more! Many Archaeology courses count toward your HUB requirements.



In the Lab you'll enjoy state-of-the-art facilities that provide hands-on experience with a range of analytical techniques.

- **Environmental Archaeology Lab** is devoted to the study of human interactions with past environments, focusing on the analysis of plant remains from sites worldwide from the Paleolithic through recent historical periods.

- **Zooarchaeology Lab** processes, catalogues, and analyzes faunal remains from sites around the world. and includes a large and varied comparative collection of animal skeletons.

- **GIS and Remote Sensing** facilities provide training in geophysical survey methods, aerial and satellite image analysis, and GIS (Geographic Information Systems) for landscape analysis, site detection, and other goals.



In the Field our Archaeology majors gain field experience through **archaeological field schools**, normally during the summer. These have recently included:

- **Heritage Management Field School in Menorca, Spain** (through BU Global Programs), including an opportunity to design and create an exhibit on the archaeological research conducted at the site of Torre d'en Galmes.

- **Bioarchaeology** field schools in Romania, Illinois, and Ireland, where human skeletons reveal population details such as health and disease, dietary issues, injuries, age, and sex.

- **Archaeological field schools** with excavations in Alaska, Denmark, Israel, the American Southwest, Africa, China, and more!

Our faculty and students are working on **archaeological field and lab projects** around the world, such as:

- **Exploring** the Egyptian Middle Kingdom port of Wadi Gawasis, on the Red Sea, and early states in the Levant

- **Understanding** the archaeology of colonial landscapes in New England, Taiwan, and the Dutch East Indies



- **Documenting** the human-environment interactions in the Peruvian Andes

- **Discovering** the connections among urbanization, neighborhood organization, and the daily life of commoners at Teotihuacan

- **Perfecting** the use of geophysical prospection in the study of ancient plazas in the Maya Lowlands

- **Tracking** the looting of China's ancient treasures during the ravages of World War II

