

COURSE DETAIL

DISCOVERING THE PAST

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

University of Bristol

Program(s)

University of Bristol

UCEAP Course Level

Lower Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Archaeology

UCEAP Course Number

30

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

DISCOVERING THE PAST

UCEAP Transcript Title

DISCOVER THE PAST

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

This course reviews the variety of methodologies and approaches that comprise the discipline of archaeology today. It introduces students to the history of archaeological research, from the antiquarians of the 18th century to contemporary debates on the interpretation of the past. A range of essential archaeological concepts are introduced alongside key field and laboratory methods, including survey techniques, relative and absolute dating, DNA analysis and environmental archaeology. The ways in which archaeologists have employed the evidence from objects, bodies, buildings, and landscapes to reconstruct past human societies are considered, with case studies exploring how particular archaeological cultures (for example the ancient Greeks) or issues (for example the origins of agriculture) can be addressed.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

ARCH10015

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Campus

University of Bristol

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Anthropology and Archaeology

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