# COURSE DETAIL

| DISCOVERING THE PAST |
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| **Country**<br>United Kingdom - England |
| **Host Institution**<br>University of Bristol |
| **Program(s)**<br>University of Bristol |
| **UCEAP Course Level**<br>Lower Division |
| **UCEAP Subject Area(s)**<br>Archaeology |
| **UCEAP Course Number**<br>30 |
| **UCEAP Course Suffix** |
| **UCEAP Official Title**<br>DISCOVERING THE PAST |
| **UCEAP Transcript Title**<br>DISCOVER THE PAST |
| **UCEAP Quarter Units**<br>8.00 |
| **UCEAP Semester Units**<br>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 Course Details**
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**Host Institution Campus**
University of Bristol

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**
Anthropology and Archaeology

**Course Last Reviewed**
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