

## COURSE DETAIL

### ARCHAEOLOGY AND WRITING

**Country**

Italy

**Host Institution**

University of Bologna

**Program(s)**

University of Bologna

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Archaeology

**UCEAP Course Number**

179

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

ARCHAEOLOGY AND WRITING

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

ARCHAEOLG & WRTNG

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

This course is part of the Laurea Magistrale degree program and is intended for advanced level students. Enrolment is by permission of the instructor. By the end of the course, students know the main epigraphic disciplines from a comparative, diachronic, and diatopic perspective. They are able to analyze the writer's intention implicit in every written document in relation to the support and the type of archaeological context. Students will know how to use the main methods of documentation and study of inscriptions, including new developments in digital epigraphy. They will have a critical understanding of a written document qua archaeological find, thus enhancing its purely material side. They will also make independent use of the main corpora and repertoires (even digital ones), as provided by the epigraphic disciplines.

The course focuses on the materiality of ancient Near Eastern written evidence. Starting from the emergence of the first written documents toward the end of the fourth millennium BC, the use of the cuneiform script, which was first invented to express Sumerian and was later adapted to write a variety of unrelated languages throughout the ancient Near East, is analyzed. Specifically, different material supports and the social, religious, archival, and archaeological contexts of writing are examined. Particular attention is devoted to the relation between writing and royal ideology, and to scribal training and education.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

93155

### Host Institution Course Title

ARCHAEOLOGY AND WRITING

### Host Institution Campus

BOLOGNA

**Host Institution Faculty****Host Institution Degree**

LM in ARCHAEOLOGY AND CULTURES OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

**Host Institution Department**

HISTORY AND CULTURES

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