

COURSE DETAIL

ARCHAEOLOGICAL THEORY AND PRACTICE: KEY CONCEPTS

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

152

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

ARCHAEOLOGICAL THRY&PRACT

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.70

Course Description

This course is part of the Laurea Magistrale degree program and is intended for advanced level students. Enrollment is by permission of the instructor. By the end of the course students show acquaintance with the main trends of archaeological thought, from the earliest days to recent times. They are familiar with important theoretical areas of contemporary archaeology, including processual and post-processual archaeology, the archaeology of identity and gender, and the relationships between archaeology, history, and politics. They know about central themes such as the evolution of strategies and methods of field research (excavation and survey), the representation and communication of archaeological data. The skills acquired enable students to study different types of archaeological contexts starting from solid theoretical and methodological bases, equipping them to address the planning of field research and interpretation of collected data. Students are also be able to conceive different forms of presentation and communication of archaeological data, based on an in-depth knowledge of the many options existing in this field.

This course explores the main practical and theoretical issues in the field of archaeology. The course starts with a brief history of the discipline, followed by the analysis of some of the most relevant fieldwork case studies (i.e. excavations, surveys and other kinds of archaeological investigations). By the end of the course, students are able to tackle archaeological data from a critical point of view, as much as to understand the theoretical bases which lay behind other scholars' fieldwork.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

93162

Host Institution Course Title

ARCHAEOLOGICAL THEORY AND PRACTICE: KEY CONCEPTS (LM)

Host Institution Course Details

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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

Course Last Reviewed

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