

COURSE DETAIL

ARCHIVES IN ACTION

Country

Egypt

Host Institution

American University in Cairo

Program(s)

The American University in Cairo

UCEAP Course Level

Graduate

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Near East Studies Archaeology

UCEAP Course Number

208

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

ARCHIVES IN ACTION

UCEAP Transcript Title

ARCHIVES IN ACTION

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course focuses on the practicalities of acquiring, processing, and curating archives as well as issues concerning access and research. It also introduces the different archival material available that is relevant to the study of Egyptology and its history. In addition to readings on the history of archives, their significance, and best practice, the course provides hands-on experience with the Selim Hassan archives from his excavation at Giza housed in the American University in Cairo's Rare Books and Special Collections Library. Students catalogue the material (both photographic and textual), learn about conservation, and documentation (scanning and photography), and the upkeep and organization of digital archives. They then also work on the material (the extent depends on time permitting) to see what was published and what was not, and learn how to categorize the material for future use. In addition to the practical work, there are a series of assignments associated with archives. Thus, this course not only expose students to archival work and best practices, but also archival research and its role in publications. Field trips to Giza to visit the areas of Hassan's excavations as well as to the archives of other archaeological institutes form part of the course, as well as guest lectures by archivists and scholars who use archives to further archaeological work.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

EGPT 5191

Host Institution Course Title

SELECTED ASPECTS OF FIELD WORK: ARCHIVES IN ACTION

Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Egyptology

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