



UNIVERSITY OF THE AEGEAN, GREECE



SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM 2018

"Archaeological Excavations in Delphi Late Mycenaean Settlement"



*"Hear me, you who posses deep-wooded Helicon,
fair - armed daughters of Zeus the magnificent!
Fly to beguile with your accents your brother,
Golden - tressed Phoebus who, on the twin peak of this rock of Parnassus,
escorted by illustrious maidens of Delphi,
sets out for the limpid streams of Castalia, traversing,
on the Delphic promontory, the prophetic pinnacle.
Behold glorious Attica, nation of the great city which,
thanks to the prayers of the Tritonid warrior,
occupies a hillside sheltered from all harm.
On the holy alters Hephaestos consumes the thighs of young bullocks,
mingled with the flames, the Arabian vapor rises towards Olympos.
The shrill rustling lotus murmurs its swelling song, and the golden kithara,
the sweet-sounding kithara, answers the voice of men.
And all the host of poets, dwellers in Attica, sing your glory, God,
famed for playing the kithara, son of great Zeus,
beside this snow-crowned peak, oh you who reveal to all mortals
the eternal and infallible oracles.
They sing how you conquered the prophetic tripod
guarded by a fierce dragon when, with your darts
you pierced the gaudy, tortuously coiling monster,
so that, uttering many fearful hisses, the beast expired.
They sing too,"*

First Delphic Hymn to Apollo

General Info



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Univ. of the Aegean
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Lab of Archaeometry

Participating Institutions:

Brandeis Univ. (USA) &
Wesleyan Univ. (USA)

✓ **Period: 9 Jul to 29 Jul 2018**

✓ **Course location: Delphi, Greece**

✓ **Credits: 8.0 ECTS credits + Certificate of Attendance**

✓ **Course fee (incl. housing and full board): €1600**

Deadline: May 15, 2018

During the summer of July 2018, we will have the third year of excavations at Kastrouli (Desfina near Delphi, Fokida) and we invite a limited number of students from the entire world to apply. The University of the Aegean conducts a summer school program for volunteers/students wishing to participate in the archaeological excavations at the Late Mycenaean Settlement at Delphi (Kastrouli).

Approximately twenty students are chosen on the basis of academic qualifications and previous archaeological field experience. Undergraduate and postgraduate applications, as well as freelance adventurers, are welcome.

Target Groups



- ✓ Mainly archaeology undergraduates but graduates too
- ✓ Cultural heritage researchers
- ✓ Archaeometrists, archaeological scientists
- ✓ Civil servants from the public or private sector involved with heritage
- ✓ Graduates in cultural studies and museology
- ✓ Survey archaeologists
- ✓ Engineers in documenting cultural tourism & sustainable development from cultural heritage and museums
- ✓ Virtual museum learners
- ✓ Freelancers

The number is limited to about 20 volunteers (Greek and foreign).
Expected Fees (tuition, accommodation, meals, local travel) are 1600 Euros for 21 days all inclusive (except your travel to and from Athens).

Course Description

Familiarization of participants with the archaeological surveys, archaeological dig, documentation, processing of excavated finds, preventive conservation issues, hands on archaeometric non-destructive analysis in situ, writing excavation reports, and keeping diaries. All tutoring shall be given keeping in mind the level for beginners in the field.

- ✓ Introduction to the current state-of-the-art methodologies of modern archaeological excavations (digital archaeology, archaeometry, excavation techniques, conservation lab in situ, the archaeology of the region)
- ✓ 21 days excavation, measurements, lab processing of finds, classroom lectures
- ✓ 1-day museum and sanctuary of Delphi guided and educational tour & 1-day educational visits in adjacent areas around Delphi and the Corinthian Gulf

Particular emphasis will be given to practical professional experience. Students will have a great experience and form strong bonds with their peers on a field program. For this reason our program offers something more than a great academic course, including special opportunities and experiences in situ and in the storage lab.

And additional experiences...sampling the local traditional delicious cuisine, mingling with local people, and swimming in the blue Corinthian Gulf waters...

What you will do

The students will participate in all aspects of the archaeological fieldwork under the supervision of a staff of field archaeologists and technical experts, all of whom have extensive field experience and advanced academic training in Classical and Mycenaean archaeology.

Students and volunteers (who submit the tuition fee) will be trained in the basic techniques of excavation: working with pick, trowel, shovel, and wheelbarrow; cleaning and investigating stratigraphy; delicate cleaning of artifacts in the ground; sifting of excavated earth and techniques of flotation; washing and basic conservation of pottery and other inorganic & organic objects; hands on portable spectroscopy instruments for archaeometric analysis; geophysical prospection, drones and image processing; principles of preventive conservation; and clerical work involved in the keeping of excavation records.

Tasks will be assigned in rotation, and participants are expected to get involved in all of them. Room and full board are provided in local village family rooms and tavernas. Travel arrangements to and from Greece are the responsibility of each participant though detailed info is provided on how to reach the site.



The Excavations

The site dates from the Mycenaean period (LH III B & C, from approx. 1300 –1150 BC) and later.

In the years 2016–17 we excavated many important finds that are unique in Greece in the Late Helladic period. Our activities include methodical archaeological excavations with archaeological sciences. The program eventually will expand to a survey that will contain the area towards the Corinthian Gulf. A visit of the potential Kastrouli port shall be made.

The excavations are planned for three weeks beginning the 9th of July and continuing until the 28th of July.

Fieldwork will progress throughout the week from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a 30-minute break at mid-morning and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. with lab work & classroom lectures.

Educational visits to the Delphi Museum & sanctuary and Byzantine and other Mycenaean sites are included, as well as, leisure and free days to Itea and Antikyra beaches.

Participants are expected to be on the site during these hours and to work at the excavations during the entire 3 week period, to prepare an essay before arrival, and to produce a reflective journal during the excavation.

In the last 2 years, we had 30 students from the US, Canada, the Netherlands, England, Hong Kong, Australia, Italy, and Greece during the first and second summer school projects with success.

The upcoming 2018 excavation & summer school is in collaboration between University of the Aegean, Brandeis University (USA), and Wesleyan University (USA).

Requirements

The requirements for admission are:

- 1) Completion of essay prior to coming in the site,
- 2) Knowledge of English language,
- 3) Writing up a reflective journal in the field.

The final performance for your transcript will be 60% performance in the field + 20% essay + 20% reflective journal.

The certificate and Annex rating are provided, properly signed and stamped, by the administration of the University of the Aegean.



Information

Information and application for the Delphi Mycenaean Excavation Program can be found in the University of the Aegean web site at:

<http://archsci.aegean.gr/index.php/kastrouli2018/>

& <https://summer-schools.aegean.gr/KASTROULI2018> (in progress)

Applicants can expect to receive notification within a week of receiving the requested application.

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