



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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- ✓ **Organizing institution:** Department of Mediterranean Studies, Lab of Archaeometry
- Participating Institutions:** Brandeis Univ. & Wesleyan Univ, USA
- ✓ **Period:** 9 Jul 2017 to 29 Jul 2018
- ✓ **Course location:** Delphi, Greece
- ✓ **Credits:** 8.0 ECTS credits + Certificate of Attendance
- ✓ **Course fee:** (incl. housing) € 1600

Deadline: May 15 2018

In the summer 2018 in July we will have the second year of excavations at Kastrouli (Desfina near Delphi, Fokida) and we invite limited number of students over all the World to apply. The University of the Aegean conducts a program as Summer School for volunteers / students wishing to participate in the archaeological excavations of the Late Mycenaean Settlement at Delphi (Kastrouli) during the summer.

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

Target Groups

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- ✓ 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, 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 (Greek and foreign).

Expected Fees (tuition, accommodation, meals, local travel) is 1600 Euros, for 21 days all inclusive (except your travel to the site).

Course Description

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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 having in mind the level for beginners in the field.

- ✓ Introduction to the current state-of-the-art of modern archaeological excavations and trends (digital archaeology, archaeometry, excavation techniques, conservation lab in situ, the archaeology of the area)
- ✓ 21 days excavation, measurements, lab processing of finds, classroom lectures
- ✓ 1-day museum and sanctuary of Delphi guiding and educational touring & 1-day educational visits in adjacent areas around Delphi and 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 Programme offers something more than a great academic course; including special opportunities and experiences in situ and in storage lab.

And more experiences.....try the local traditional delicious cook, mix with local people and swim in the blue Corinthian Gulf waters

What you will do

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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 taken care in local village family rooms and tavernas. Travel arrangements to and from Greece are the responsibility of each participant though detailed info is provided how to reach the site.



The Excavations

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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 findings that are unique in Greece in the Late Helladic period. Our activity includes methodology archaeological excavations archaeological sciences. The program eventually will expand and to a survey that will contain and area towards the Corinthian Gulf. Visit of the potential Kastrouli port shall be made.

The excavations are planned for two weeks beginning 9th July and continuing until 28th July.

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

Educational visit to Delphi Museum & sanctuary, as well as, Byzantine and another Mycenaean sites, is included, as well as, leisure and free day to Itea beach and Antikyra beaches.

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

Last 2 years, we had 30 students from US, Canada, Netherlands, England, Hong Kong, Greece in the 1st & 2nd summer school project with success.

The coming 2018 year excavation & Summer School is in collaboration

between University of the Aegean, University of Brandeis and University of Wesleyan, USA.

Requirements

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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 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

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Information and application for the Delphi Mycenaean Excavation Program is located on the University of the Aegean web site at:

<https://summer-schools.aegean.gr/KASTROULI2017> (in progress)

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

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