

ADVENTURES IN ARCHAEOLOGY

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The Evergreen State College

8 Credits*, In-Person Offering

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Description:

This program will introduce students to the science, methods, and theories of archaeology, both globally and locally. For the global component, we will examine the material remains of past civilizations, including architecture, artifacts, mortuary remains, and written sources. Our investigation takes us, virtually, to every corner of the globe and to many different periods in history, from the Mediterranean to Easter Island, and from the Neolithic Middle East to the indigenous Pacific Northwest. Primarily, we explore how the remains of past civilizations provide archaeologists and historians with clues that unlock the secrets of ancient societies. Students will gain a broad understanding of global prehistory and history, the rise and fall of civilizations, and human impact on the environment throughout history. This course will also consider the history of the discipline and the ethics of archaeological inquiry.

The local component of this offering includes work with local archaeologists, archaeological sites, and museums: weekly field trips, including a behind-the-scenes trip to the Burke Museum and the Squaxin Museum, will explore the region's archaeological treasures. Students will meet archaeologists who work for universities, museums, state agencies, and independently, and will be introduced to the variety of careers archaeologists occupy. A research presentation tailored to students' specific interests will be the capstone of this program.

This program assumes no prior knowledge of archaeology, and will be of interest to any student wishing to learn more about the ancient world, history, or who is interested in pursuing archaeological fieldwork in the future. Variable credit options for this offering are possible, and should be discussed with the instructor.

The Nuts & Bolts:

Schedule: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10-12, 1-3 (or longer on field trip days)

This is an 8-credit program* and assumes 20 hours of work per week, including class time.

Textbook: Muckle & Camp, *Introducing Archaeology* (3rd ed). Supplemental, short readings will be made available as .pdfs.

Supplies: A small field notebook. "Rite in the Rain" No. 391FX notebooks have been ordered for the bookstore, but students may use any small notebook.

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