



SYLLABUS

Summer/2017

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Time and Location: First session: June 19th to July 7th; second session: July 10th to July 28th, Monday through Friday, 8:00am-6:00pm (including one hour lunch break); Archaeological Site at Badia Pozzeveri (Lucca Province), ITALY.

Introduction

The Field School in Medieval Archaeology and Bioarchaeology at Badia Pozzeveri (Lucca, Italy) is an academic program aimed at training students in archaeological and bioarchaeological field and laboratory methods. Excavations will take place at the church of “San Pietro a Pozzeveri” in the municipality of Altopascio. Badia Pozzeveri is located approximately 10 miles east of the city of Lucca, capital of the Tuscan province of the same name. San Pietro’s church was once part of a Camaldolese monastery, which was founded in the 11th century on the shores of Lake Bientina. The medieval lake, now entirely dried up, extended between Lucca and the Arno River. The monastery flourished during the 12-13th centuries thanks to its location along the Via Francigena, a major trade and pilgrimage route, which connected France and Northern Europe with Rome throughout the entire Middle Ages. The monastery’s decline started in the 14th century and eventually led to its dissolution in the 15th century. San Pietro’s church remained as the village’s center of worship and is still in use.



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Previous excavations conducted at the site exposed human burials dated to the middle ages, the renaissance and modern (18th-19th c.) times. Additionally, archaeological investigations revealed the buried remnants of a post-medieval building adjacent to the church, as well as structures belonging to the medieval church and cloister. Excavations at the site have exposed the 19th c. cemetery (including burials attributed to the cholera epidemics that afflicted Tuscany in 1855 AD) and identified buried remnants of a post-medieval building adjacent to the church, as well as structures belonging to the medieval church and cloister. During the 2017 field season, the field school will continue to explore the medieval and post-medieval levels of the site, including the cemetery as well as the monastery's ruins.

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SECTION 1:

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

1.1. Excavation and Lecture Schedule

Excavation will take place daily, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm, with an hour lunch break. At the beginning of the field school, the instructors will divide the students in four groups and each group will be assigned to a specific excavation area. Area assignments are based on a variety of factors, including experience and interests, and decisions are final. Given the didactic value of direct involvement in – and observation of the progression of – archaeological investigation, students are expected to actively contribute to the excavation of their area for the entire duration of the field school. The excavation areas at Badia Pozzeveri differ somewhat in their investigation focus and there is no guarantee that all participants will be equally involved in the excavation of human remains. Laboratories will be held in parallel with excavation. Laboratory activities may include



cleaning, labeling, restoring, and analyzing skeletal remains and artifacts, as well as elaboration of photographs and GIS records. Such activities will be held at the instructors' discretion and will involve only small groups of students (2-3 per lab) at a time. Lectures may be given in the morning once or twice a week. In case of inclement weather, excavation will be replaced with laboratory activities and lectures. At the end of the working day students will have time to relax and shower. Students and staff will dine together at 8:00 pm-8:30 pm.

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1.2. Learning objectives of this course

The field school is designed to provide all participants with an in-depth knowledge of archaeological field methods – including survey, excavation, and GIS (Geographic Information Systems) – and bioarchaeological field and research methods – recovery, restoration, and analysis of human skeletal remains. Practical, hands-on experience in the field will be complemented by laboratory activity and lectures on the theory and practice of archaeology and bioarchaeology.

1.3. Academic Misconduct

All students should become familiar with what constitutes academic misconduct and the rules governing alleged academic misconduct. Ignorance of the rules governing academic misconduct or ignorance of what constitutes academic misconduct is not an acceptable defense. Alleged cases of academic misconduct are referred to the proper university committees.

1.4. Course Requirements

Prior to their arrival to Italy, the students are required to complete all readings included in the attached reading list. Students are required to participate actively in both fieldwork and laboratory activities, and to demonstrate a good understanding of the concepts and techniques employed in the field. The readings will include topics such as bioarchaeology,



stratigraphy, geographic information systems. An understanding of such topics is essential to maximize on-site learning. Participation and overall performance in the field will be monitored throughout the entire field school; a Final Examination will be administered during the last week of the program to assess the student's mastery of the theoretical and practical concepts and techniques learned throughout the entire field school.

1.5. Grading

Students are expected to complete all tasks assigned to them timely and accurately, to participate in group activities and discussions. All students enrolled in the course will receive a final letter grade based on participation in all components of the program.

1.6. Credit Hours

Field School Pozzeveri allows students to collect **16 credit hours**. The formative credits provided by the University of Pisa meet the European protocols ECTS (European Credit Transfer System, more info: <https://www.unipi.it/index.php/ects-catalogue>).

The equivalence of those credits is certified by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research and, usually, they are accepted by American universities both as undergraduate and as graduate credits, according to the following conversion model:

- 0,50 ECTS = 0,30 US College Credit Hours
- 0,83 ECTS = 0,50 US College Credit Hours
- 1,00 ECTS = 0,60 US College Credit Hours
- 1,67 ECTS = 1,00 US College Credit Hours
- 2,00 ECTS = 1,20 US College Credit Hours
- 2,50 ECTS = 1,50 US College Credit Hours
- 3,00 ECTS = 1,80 US College Credit Hours
- 3,33 ECTS = 2,00 US College Credit Hours
- 4,00 ECTS = 2,40 US College Credit Hours
- 5,00 ECTS = 3,00 US College Credit Hours
- 6,67 ECTS = 4,00 US College Credit Hours
- 8,33 ECTS = 5,00 US College Credit Hours



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Below are the academic specifications of the Fieldschool according to the parameters issued by UNIPI Summer Schools program.

- **Course number: FE023**
- **SDS: MED/02; L-ANT/08**

Grades in the program are assigned based on participation in excavation (40%) and laboratory (20%) activities, participation in group discussions and presentations (5%), performance in the examinations (20%), and overall conduct for the entire duration of the field school (15%). Final grades are assigned by the Instructors at the end of the program and take into account individual grades assigned by the Area Supervisors during excavation and by our Research Assistants upon completion of each laboratory activity.

Chart 1 - Conversion grade table from US to Italian

Letter Grade	Percentage	GPA	Italian
A+	97%-100%	4.33/4.00	30 cum Laude
A	93%-96%	4.00/4.00	30
A-	90%-92%	3.67/4.00	28
B+	87%-89%	3.33/4.00	26
B	83%-86%	3.00/4.00	24
B-	80%-82%	2.67/4.00	22
C+	77%-79%	2.33/4.00	20
C	73%-76%	2.00/4.00	18
C-	70%-72%	1.67/4.00	16
D+	67%-69%	1.33/4.00	14
D	63%-66%	1.00/4.00	12
D-	60%-62%	0.67/4.00	12
E	0%-59%	0.00/4.00	8



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Credits hours will be transcribed on a certificate issued by the University of Pisa and sent to the student's academic Department on request.

However, the student should forward any question directly to his/her Department to be sure that his/her University agrees to the ECTS credits awarded by European Universities, and, for any further information put his/her reference in contact to:

support.summerschool@unipi.it



SECTION 2:

APPLICATION

2.1. Course Fees

Cost: 1,655.00 \$ for one session, 3,000.00 \$ for both

The cost includes Field School activities (excavation practice, lectures, laboratory activities and instruments), meals (MON to FRI: breakfast, lunch and dinner), accommodation and pick-ups from the arriving airport.

Admission is limited to 30 students.

2.1.1. Admission Procedures

Should minimum attendance requirement of 15 students not be met, course will be cancelled.

The Summer School has no formal prerequisites; students will be fully trained for all the activities they experience. Students interested in applying to the Summer School must fill out and submit the online Application Form.

The application deadline is May 15, 2017. However, applications are reviewed as soon as they are received and successful applicants accepted right away.

Curriculum vitae and/or reference letters (e-mails) may be requested. The staff reserves the right to verify any of the information reported in the application form and request supporting documentation (e.g., advising reports; references) in its sole discretion. Staff will make final decisions regarding enrolment.

Acceptance will be communicated by e-mail. Upon acceptance, students will receive detailed instructions on how to submit required documentation and payments:

- **Proof of Insurance:** students must have valid international health and injury insurance (made available through student travel centers) and must provide the insurance provider's



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contact information, as well as the policy number, including a proof of tetanus vaccination (or booster) within the last 10 years

- **Release form:** all students must read and accept the terms of the IRLAB Participation Agreement to participate in the program; a signed release form must be submitted prior to the start date of the Summer School.

- **Fee Payment:** Students will be required to pay fees in full within 5 business days of receipt of the invoice sent by mail in case of admission. In case of student withdrawal, all fees minus a non-refundable deposit of \$800 will be refunded until May 31, 2017. After May 25, 2017 fees will not be refunded. In the unlikely event of course cancellation, fees will be refunded in full (any applicable processing fees may not be refunded). Failure to provide all the above-mentioned documents and payment within the terms specified at the time of admission will constitute an automatic forfeiture of the student's place in the summer school.

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SECTION 3:

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

3.1. Accomodation

Housing

Housing is provided by the Summer School.

Meals

Participants in the Summer School will be provided with breakfast, lunch and dinner from Monday to Friday.

3.2. Directions

Excavation site location:

St. Peter Church

Via della Chiesa, 1

55011 Badia Pozzeveri, Altopascio

Coordinates: 43.8193147, 10.6301666

Dormitory:

Scuole Elementari

Via Catalani, 4

55011 Badia Pozzeveri, Altopascio

Coordinates: 43.8193736, 10.6551231



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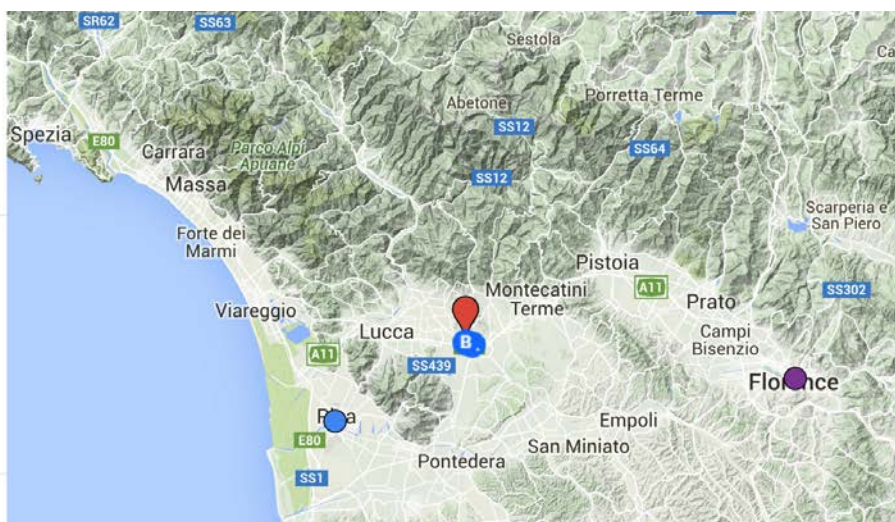
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- 📍 Badia Pozzeveri
- 📍 Pisa
- 📍 Florence
- 📍 Excavation areas
- 📍 Dormitory and dinner place

Footpath to the excavation site

- A
Via IV Novembre, 2, 55011
Altopascio LU, Italia
- B
Via della Chiesa, 12, 55011
Altopascio LU, Italia



3.3. Emergency contacts

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