

SUMMER SCHOOL IN OSTEOARCHAEOLOGY AND PALEOPATHOLOGY 2026

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Summer School in Osteoarchaeology and Paleopathology is an academic program offered by the University of Pisa aimed at training students in anthropological and paleopathological laboratory methods. It is an outstanding opportunity for students to gain practical experience in bioarchaeological investigation by working side-by-side with leading researchers in the field.

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The school is designed to provide all participants with an in-depth knowledge of the key theoretical background, methodological approaches, and the necessary practical skills through hands-on experience of working with archaeological human skeletal remains. Participants will learn how to reconstruct the biological profile of past individuals, including how to obtain the greatest amount of information on the environment, lifestyle, and diseases that afflicted past populations. Each student will have the opportunity to clean, restore and study skeletons from archaeological contexts. The activities will be carried out at the Laboratory of Paleopathology (within the Medical School of the University of Pisa).

The Summer School will take place from **June 22 to July 10**. Lectures will be given daily (2 hours per day). Laboratory activities on human skeletal remains will be carried out daily as well, **Monday through Friday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm**, with an hour lunch break.

STAFF

Scientific supervisor: Prof. Valentina Giuffra, PhD

Lecturers and laboratory staff:

Dr. Simona Minozzi, PhD

Dr. Giulia Riccomi, PhD

Dr. Bianca Casa, PhD

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

LANGUAGE

The official language of the summer school is English and no knowledge of Italian is required

DATES FOR 2026 SUMMER SCHOOL

June 22- July 10

ELIGIBILITY

Admission is limited to 13 students

CREDITS

- 10 undergraduate credits (ECTS) through the University of Pisa
- Certificate of participation from the University of Pisa

TUITION AND FEES

COST: 1,300 euro

The application deadline is April 13, 2026
Eligible participants will be admitted following a first come first served rule

The Summer School in Osteoarchaeology and Paleopathology is focused on the study of ancient human remains and welcomes students in anthropology, palaeopathology and allied disciplines at undergraduate and graduate levels.

The Summer School has no formal prerequisites; students will be fully trained for all the activities they experience.



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