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Master's Degree in Classical Archaeology

Training activities 2025

Christian and Medieval Archaeology - Prof. Stasolla

From Jerusalem to Rome: digitisation and processing of archaeological data from the excavation of the Holy Sepulchre

The workshop involves the digitisation and processing of archaeological data from the excavation at the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, with their entry into a database, and the processing of orthophotos, surveys and stratigraphic matrixes using photogrammetric softwares and GIS systems.

CFU: 2 CFU and above

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Roman Archaeology - Prof. Carafa

Excavations on the Palatine Hill

The excavations will take place from the second half of September until the end of October (22/09/2025 - 31/10/2025, to be confirmed).

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Classical Archaeology - Prof. Sassu

1. Archaeological excavation at Gortyn, Crete

From mid-July up to mid-August (dates to be confirmed)

Credits: 6 CFU (4 weeks) or 3 CFU (2 weeks)

Deadline to apply: 31 March.

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2. Workshop: Introduction to 3D Modeling in Blender (with dr. Giuseppe Rignanese) [online]

The workshop aims to provide the basics for 3D modelling in the archaeological field using the opensource software Blender v. 2.90. After a brief introduction on the general rules of 3D modelling and its applications in archaeology, the first lectures on Blender's graphical interface will provide essential commands. Students will learn, through some practical examples, how to model some architectural elements (bases, columns and capitals) and how to model a building from plans. Finally, the workshop concerns the 3D texturing which is the process of adding textures to a 3D object. This includes: creating textures (either from photos or from scratch), applying textures to 3D objects, lighting the scene and applying final details.

Calendar to be agreed.

The number of credit-hours depend on the period of participation

Contact: giuseppe.rignanese@sns.it

3. Workshop: Introduction to drawing Archaeological Pottery (with dr. Giulia Vannucci) [online]

The course aims to provide the basic techniques of drawing pottery for archaeological purposes. It is essential to show the form of the pot, its cross-section, construction techniques and any decoration, using recognised conventions which allow different vessels to be compared and readily understood by different workers. In addition, the workshop provides the basics for the use of CAD software in order to digitalise drawings of pottery in vector files. The students will be able to practice transforming drawings into vector files by digitising drawings of ceramic fragments found in Gortyn during archaeological excavations carried out in the Praetorium district during the last two decades by the University of Rome 'La Sapienza', upon concession of the Italian Archaeological School at Athens.

Calendar to be agreed.

The number of credit-hours depend on the period of participation

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Etruscology - Prof. Biella

1. Excavation in the pre-Roman city of Falerii

Description: The ongoing investigation in the Vignale area (Civita Castellana, VT) concerns one of the two hills on which the pre-Roman city of Falerii stood. The area currently involved in the excavation includes two sectors of the settlement with a chronology from the Middle Bronze Age to at least the 3rd century BC

Number of places available: 2

CFU: 5

Duration: Mon.-Fri., 7:30 AM-4:30 PM with two breaks (mid-morning break and lunch break).

Period: June 9-27, 2025

Location: Civita Castellana (VT), Italy

Expenses: Travel, board, and lodging expenses are the responsibility of the participants

Deadline to apply: 16th March 2025

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2. Field materials analysis laboratory (Civita Castellana, loc. Vignale, VT)

Description: The ongoing investigation in the Vignale area (Civita Castellana, VT) concerns one of the two hills on which the pre-Roman city of Falerii stood. The area currently involved in the excavation includes two sectors of the settlement with a chronology from the Middle Bronze Age to at least the 3rd century BC. The laboratory, concurrent with the ongoing excavation activities, aims to provide participants with basic skills related to the washing, labeling, and preliminary inventory of the finds uncovered in the investigations. Particular attention, with targeted insights, will be given to ceramics (M. Cristina Biella) and faunal remains (Claudia Minniti, Elena Maini).

Number of places available: 2

CFU: 2

Duration: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00 AM-4:30 PM (with a lunch break)

Period: June 23-27, 2025

Location: Civita Castellana (VT), Italy

Expenses: Travel, board, and lodging expenses are the responsibility of the participants

Deadline to apply: 16th March 2025

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3. **Advanced materials analysis laboratory (Civita Castellana, Archaeological Museum of Agro Falisco, VT)**

Description: The ongoing investigation in the Vignale area (Civita Castellana, VT) concerns one of the two hills on which the pre-Roman city of Falerii stood. The area currently involved in the excavation includes two sectors of the settlement with a chronology from the Middle Bronze Age to at least the 3rd century BC. The laboratory, following the ongoing excavation activities, aims to provide participants with advanced skills related to the inventory, for the purpose of delivering the excavation documentation to the competent supervisory bodies (Soprintendenza), and the preliminary study of the finds.

Number of places available: 3

CFU: 2

Duration: 5 Fridays, 9:00 AM-4:30 PM (with a lunch break)

Period: October-November 2025

Location: Civita Castellana (VT), Italy

Expenses: Travel, board, and lodging expenses are the responsibility of the participants

Deadline to apply: 16th March 2025

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Archaeology and History of the Ancient Near East - Prof. D'Andrea

1. **Digital archiving and management of geodata from the Archaeological Expedition to Khirbat Iskandar (Jordan)**

Vectorization of the records from the project's archaeological and topographic surveys using GIS and digital technical drawing software (AutoCAD and Illustrator) for the creation of archaeological cartography in the micro-region of Khirbat Iskandar.

CFU: 1-4 CFU depending on the duration, 1-4 CFU (1 CFU every 25 hours of laboratory)

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2. **Documentation and digitization of the archaeological records of the**

Archaeological Mission in Khirbat Iskandar (Jordan)

Digitization of plans and excavation sections and drawings of archaeological material through the use of software packages.

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Cfu: 1-4 CFU depending on the duration, 1-4 CFU (1 CFU every 25 hours of laboratory)

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